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Britain alerted for invading armada of yellow plastic ducks

BY NICK NUTTALL
ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

AN ARMADA of toy ducks is heading for Britain after sailing half way round the world braving winds, the ocean currents and frozen Arctic seas.

Among the yellow plastic ducks are blue turtles, red beavers and green frogs, some 29,000 toys in all. They are expected to bob down past Greenland before ending their 12,000-mile voyage on beaches along the British and Irish coasts.

The toys, lost from a container ship in the North Pacific, are following in the wake of such legendary explorers as Fridtjof Nansen. Between 1893 and 1896 the Norwegian rammed his ship *Fram* into the Arctic pack-ice and proved that there is a mighty conveyor belt of ice across the roof of the world. The ducks will be carried on this transpolar drift from Siberia into the North Atlantic and on to the British Isles.

Depending on the Gulf Stream and other ocean currents, scientists believe, the toys could even reach France. Some of the brightly coloured toys, with the legend "The First Years" emblazoned on their chests, are also likely to pop up on the coasts of Norway and Greenland.

Dr Curtis Ebbesmeyer, an oceanographer with Evans-Hamilton, a Seattle, Washington, firm, is using an advanced computer simulation to track the flotilla. "Britain should be put on duck alert," he said yesterday, adding that the plastic toys "are very resilient and can survive the harsh conditions".

The marathon voyage began on January 10, 1992, when 12 containers were washed overboard in heavy storms on the International Date Line. Their ship was on its way from Hong Kong to Tacoma, Washington. Eleven months later, on November 16, 400 of the toys were found beached at Sitka, Alaska. Other ducks, which have helped prove the scientists' forecasts, have bobbed up at Kodiak, Alaska.

Dr Ebbesmeyer and James Ingraham, of the US Government's National Marine Fisheries Service, have been using a system called the Ocean Surface Current Simulations, which uses information going back to the Second World War. The documented paths of other ocean debris, including plastic bottles and wreckage from ships, have also been used to predict the likely route of the toy armada.

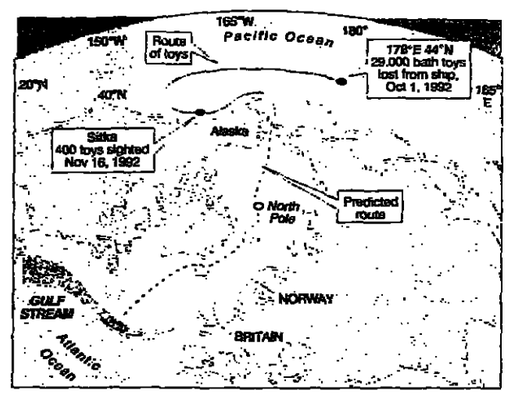
The scientists believe the toys have now penetrated the Bering Strait between Alaska and Siberia and were frozen in the Arctic sea this autumn. The transpolar drift, which conveys ice for 2,000 miles over the North Pole at about five miles a day, should bring them into the North Atlantic in five years' time.

The scientists, whose research is published in *Eos*, journal of the American Geophysical Union, say the toys should be taken south, where they will hit the Gulf Stream, which brings warm water to Ireland and the west coast of Britain.

"Once the toys get caught up in the Gulf Stream they hit you guys," Dr Ingraham said.

The scientists, who are urging anyone making plastic duck sightings to contact them, believe the fate of the toys will help to fine tune their ocean models. These, they hope, will boost forecasts for fisheries and pollution.

"It is this kind of work which shows just how small the world is and how pollution from the Pacific can affect the North Atlantic and European waters," Dr Ebbesmeyer said.



Fears for safety of troops

UN delays ordering bombers to attack

BY JOEL BRAND, TIM JUDAH AND EVE-ANN PRENTICE

THE United Nations appeared to retreat last night from confrontation with Serbs in Croatia who are accused of launching air raids in Bosnia. After a day of high tension, when Nato warplanes awaited the signal from the UN to bomb the Serbs, alliance airstrikes failed to materialise.

A maximum alert for UN forces in the former Yugoslavia was reduced last night and fears for the safety of UN troops might have prompted UN leaders to pull back from ordering an immediate attack.

Willy Claes, Nato Secretary-General, indicated that the alliance was waiting only for a request from the United Nations. But as night fell without an attack, Yasushi Akashi, the UN envoy in former Yugoslavia, and military advisers were still discussing whether to use new powers from the Security Council to unleash the Nato warplanes against a Serb airbase at Udbina in Croatia.

"I can assure you we are ready to intervene not only politically but also militarily ... We are ready to give a very clear and strong signal to Serbs that this is enough and it must stop," Mr Claes said in the Croatian capital Zagreb before the UN alert level was reduced.

The UN Security Council passed a resolution at the weekend allowing UN forces to call on Nato planes to take action after a series of Serb air raids on the Bihac pocket in northwestern Bosnia. The resolution was prompted by an attack on Friday in which two planes flying from the Udbina airfield allegedly dropped one napalm bomb and one cluster bomb, neither of which exploded.

Although the Yugoslav air force used cluster bombs during the Croatian war, napalm has never been used and at least one senior UN official was questioning last night whether the bomb had been a Bosnian "plant". On Saturday two Krajina aircraft raided the central Bihac town of Cazin; one crashed, killing the pilot. Cazin, ten miles north of Bihac town, is considered outside the "safe area".

All 18,000 UN troops in Bosnia-Herzegovina were placed on maximum alert earlier yesterday, with restrictions on all unecessary movements. In Croatia, all women serving with the UN and international humanitarian organisations were evacuated to Zagreb and UN troops were ordered to their bases.

Serbs from Croatia and Bosnia rained shells on Bihac town "without a break" during the day, the Bihac Press Agency reported. UN sources said that Serbs captured the waterworks for Bihac, a city of 48,000 people, giving them control of the water supply.

According to Muhamed Sacirbey, Bosnia's UN Ambassador, at least 15 people were wounded during the attack on Cazin, while UN sources said they were worried about the safety of unarmed Bangladeshi "Blue Helmets" in the area. It was

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About 300 protesters against the Criminal Justice Act demonstrated in the garden of Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, yesterday. Several demonstrators scaled the roof of his new house near Folkestone, Kent. About 100 police officers, some in riot gear, were on hand but there were no arrests and Mr Howard and his family were not at the house

Labour backs league tables 'to help schools'

BY BEN PRESTON, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR is to abandon its opposition to national school league tables and will sack bad head teachers who fail to improve after remedial training.

In an attempt to recast the party's education policy and distance itself from the teaching unions, David Blunkett, the shadow Education Secretary, says in an article in *The Times* today that league tables helped identify struggling state schools. They encouraged parents to ask searching questions about performance and made schools more accountable.

But in a toughening of Labour's stance towards the independent sector, Mr Blunkett pledges to scrap the charitable status of private schools and the £90 million assisted places schemes that subsidises fees for bright children from poorer families.

The renewed threat to independent schools will hearten activists anxious that Mr Blunkett's U-turn on league tables marks an acceptance of the Government's education agenda. Labour dropped plans to remove charitable status from 1,000 schools at the last election amid claims that it would force dozens of closures and a 30 per cent increase in fees.

Mr Blunkett said on BBC's *Breakfast with Frost* yesterday that it was unacceptable for the taxpayer to sustain children at private schools by granting them tax relief as charities because "all of us are paying for someone else to gain a privileged education". He said: "I will get rid of the tax relief, the charitable status, and the assisted places. In the form that they exist at the moment, they must go."

In his article for *The Times*, Mr Blunkett accepts that national league tables, a cornerstone of Conservative policy, have clear benefits and need to be expanded. The third annual tables will be released tomorrow (and published in full in an 18-page supplement to *The Times*).

He says: "It is necessary for GCSE, A-level and new vocational GNVQ results to be published, locally and nation-

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Tension at the UN after senior Briton leaves wife

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

BRITISH influence at the highest level of the United Nations is in question after revelations concerning the private life of Marrack Goulding, the top-ranking Briton at the New York headquarters.

Mr Goulding, 58, the Under Secretary-General for Political Affairs, in effect the second-most powerful man in the UN, has separated from his wife and is said to have formed a relationship with a secretary, 30 years his junior, in the office of Boutros Boutros Ghali, the Secretary-General, sources said yesterday. The affair is said to have caused tension between Mr Goulding and Dr Boutros Ghali, who were close until recently.

Mr Goulding has told colleagues he intends to remain in his post "at least" until his contract expires in February 1997. But Dr Boutros Ghali has been antagonistic towards Britain ever since London privately opposed his election as Secretary-General in 1991, and he once complained that Britain regarded him as a "Wog". If Mr Goulding were to step down as a result of his private life, UN officials say, Dr Boutros Ghali might use this as an excuse to refuse to appoint another Briton in his place. This would undoubtedly reduce British influence at the top of the UN.

Mr Goulding has moved out of the East Side flat that he shared with his wife Susan, to whom he has been married for 33 years. Mrs Goulding is in England, but was not available for comment yesterday. She is the daughter of Air Marshal Sir John d'Albiac, and the couple have two sons and a daughter.

The secretary with whom Mr Goulding has established a relationship was named by UN sources yesterday as Catherine Pawlow, a Belgian. She and Mr Goulding got to know each other during an official trip to North Korea nearly a year ago. She was seconded to the Secretary-General's office from UN Development Programme headquarters nearby. But she has been now told she must return to the UNDP.

Mr Goulding, the son of a High Court judge, is widely regarded as a hard-working UN mandarin. A former Ambassador to Angola, he became the UN number two in 1986, succeeding a fellow Briton, Sir Brian Urquhart. It has become an informal understanding that Britain should hold this post, and Mr Goulding benefited from the intervention of Lady Thatcher.

Goulding: moved out of New York home

IRA loses control of members

BY NICHOLAS WATT
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THE IRA admitted last night that it is having difficulty in controlling some its members when it claimed that "volunteers" killed a postal worker in Newry earlier this month without the permission of the leadership.

In a statement issued in Dublin last night the IRA leadership blamed a "problem in the army's chain of command" for the shooting of Frank Kerr, a postal worker.

The statement said that the problem was not with the "volunteers" who shot Mr Kerr because they had been acting on instructions. It claimed that the problem had now been rectified. The statement said that the raid had not been sanctioned by the IRA leadership.

The IRA launched an investigation after the killing which it described as tragic.

Two men were remanded in custody at Banbridge Magistrates Court last week after they denied the murder of Mr Kerr.

RAISED IN THE HIGHLANDS



THE FAMOUS GROUSE
FINEST SCOTCH WHISKY
QUALITY IN AN AGE OF CHANGE

Doctors say chemical can delay process of ageing

BY JEREMY LAURANCE
HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

SCIENTISTS believe they may have found a test for ageing that will show who will grow old quickly and who will stay young the longest.

Doctors believe that levels of a chemical in the blood may explain why the physical decline associated with ageing occurs earlier in some people than in others. They also hold out the hope that the cause of rapid ageing may be corrected.

An American study of 33 people aged over 60 has found that those with the highest level of the chemical, called glutathione, were the healthiest. They had lower blood pressure, lower cholesterol and were less likely to be overweight. Those with chronic conditions such as heart disease, arthritis and diabetes had lower levels.

The authors, led by Dr Mara Julius of the University of Michigan, say in the *Journal of Clinical Epidemiology*: "To our knowledge, this is the first evidence of an association of higher glutathione levels with better physical health in the elderly." Other studies have shown that glutathione levels decline with age but are highest in those over 80, suggesting that high levels are associated with long life.

The researchers are cautious about extolling the chemical as an elixir of youth but if it is shown to have a role in ageing it could lead to treatments that would slow down the process. Experiments have shown that correcting a glutathione deficiency in mosquitoes increases their life span by 40 per cent.

Glutathione is known to protect the body against toxins that have destructive effects on the cells and enhances the immune system. It has been used to treat cancer with some positive results.

The researchers are unclear whether glutathione itself is linked with ageing or whether it is a by-product of something else that plays the key role.

A *Lancet* commentary says the study is the best so far to establish a link between glutathione and ageing, and says there is a "good biological rationale" because of its protective effect against substances called free radicals which damage cells.

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Fresh Tory rebellions threaten frail majority

BY JILL SHERMAN AND ALICE THOMSON

JOHN Major faces a wide-ranging rebellion from Tory MPs over the next few weeks, with revolt now threatened on the second stage of VAT on fuel and the Post Office. Up to nine Tory MPs have already indicated they will oppose the Government or abstain over increased contributions to the European Union.

Many MPs have been infuriated by Mr Major's decision to turn the EU payments into a confidence issue, which they claimed had only stiffened their resolve. Some MPs are also issued a warning they will vote against the Government in the Commons this Thursday over its plans to increase ministers' salaries by 4.7 per cent next year.

Labour is trying to exploit growing disaffection among some Tories by getting them to support amendments to the Budget on both the Post Office and VAT on fuel. Today, Gordon Brown, the shadow Chancellor, and Jack Cunningham, Labour's trade and industry spokesman, will unveil Labour's plans to force a vote on those issues.

Several senior Tory MPs have been pressing the Chancellor to drop the second stage of VAT on fuel, which pushes the tax from 8 per cent to 17.5 per cent.

MPs who have said they will oppose the Government include Phil Gallie, MP for Ayr, and Sir Nicholas Fairbairn, MP for Perth and Kinross. Campaigning by those opposing VAT on fuel has been particularly intense in Scotland and the Scottish local elections take place five days after the VAT increase comes into effect. Nicholas and Ann Winterton, Richard Shepherd, Paul Marland and William Powell and Sir Andrew Bowden are said to be considering voting against.

Labour intends to table a motion allowing a debate and a vote to be held on whether VAT on fuel should rise to 17.5 per cent. Labour would then table an amendment to the Finance Bill, which would come before the Commons in January to oppose the increase.

Dr Cunningham will disclose plans today for a package of reforms allowing the Post Office to raise money in the private sector to invest in modernisation. Labour is trying to get Tory backbenchers who opposed the Post Office sell-off to to back an amendment in the Budget debate in a fortnight's time.

Dr Cunningham will also challenge Michael Heseltine, the President of the Board of Trade, in the Commons today over an alleged leaked letter which states that ministers have now rejected greater commercial freedom for the Post Office in the public sector. The damaging letter, said to be from David Hunt, the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, to the Prime Minister, and leaked to *The Observer*, shows Cabinet concern that a successful state-run enterprise would cast doubt on the policy of privatisation. The letter also shows the Cabinet committee split on the call by deputy Labour leader John Prescott for a public-private sector investment partnership for the Royal Mail.

NEC set to back Blair on Clause 4

BY JILL SHERMAN
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR'S National Executive Committee is expected next week to approve Tony Blair's first draft of the party's new constitution, which will focus on tighter regulation rather than public ownership.

A discussion document to be sent to NEC members before the meeting will put the case for greater regulation of privatised industries rather than their renationalisation. It points to "gradations" between unregulated private ownership and complete state control. Mr Blair angered many MPs by announcing at the Blackpool conference that he intended to drop Clause 4, but there seems little stomach for a fight. Dennis Skinner and Diane Abbott are expected to be the only NEC members who will vote against the report, although others may call for amendments.

The document will go out to constituency parties for discussion. A statement will be put to the NEC early next year and to the party conference for approval. An earlier special conference may be held.

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TONY MAXWELL



Bertie Ahern celebrating his election to the leadership of Ireland's Fianna Fail party with the customers at his local pub in Drumcondra

Northern Ireland peace process stalled until new Dublin government is in place

BY NICHOLAS WATT, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

THE newly elected leader of Ireland's Fianna Fail party admitted yesterday that the political crisis in Dublin had stalled the Ulster peace process. As political leaders prepared for lengthy negotiations on forming a new coalition, Bertie Ahern said that Britain and Ireland's framework document on the future of the province could not be completed until a new Irish government was in place.

Mr Ahern, 43, who became the youngest leader of Fianna Fail when he was elected unanimously on Saturday, told Irish Radio: "It cannot be completed until there is a new government. We hold the status of a caretaker government." He added that the areas of disagreement between the two sides could be tied up in a week.

It is understood that Britain feels that Dublin's offer to amend the part of its constitution which lays claim to Northern Ireland does not go far enough. Dublin, in turn, wants the two governments to be able to overrule a Northern Ireland assembly if it refuses to co-operate with cross border bodies.

Mr Ahern indicated that it may take a fortnight before a new coalition government emerges in Dublin. With only 67 of the 166 seats in the Irish Parliament, Fianna Fail needs the support of Labour's 32 MPs to form a government. Mr Ahern hinted that he would try to re-establish the coalition with Labour and cited an opinion poll in which 43 per cent backed the alliance.

On BBC's *Breakfast with Frost*, he said: "I hope that next week we'll start coming down to make decisions. Certainly the vast majority would go for a Fianna Fail/Labour coalition again. So we have to take that into account."

He added on Irish Radio that the programme with Labour, which was in place until Dick Spring, the Labour leader, resigned from the government, had worked well. However, later in the day Mr Ahern said his party may opt for a spell in opposition. "If the parliamentary party state to me that it wants a period in opposition, then we have to contemplate that."

Labour walked out last week over the appointment by Albert Reynolds of Harry Whelehan, the former Attorney-General, as the new Irish High Court president. The dispute centred on delays in the processing last year of a Northern Ireland extradition warrant for a Roman Catholic priest, later jailed for child sex abuse offences.

Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein president, said yesterday that the crisis in Dublin had disrupted the peace process. The Sinn Fein president is acutely conscious that many IRA members are deeply sceptical of following a political path, and the uncertainty in Dublin will only have confirmed their fears.

Up to 30 per cent of the IRA's "volunteers" are opposed to the ceasefire and it is understood that the IRA army council did not endorse the ceasefire unanimously when the terrorist leadership voted on the move in the summer.

Although some members of Sinn Fein are known to be uncomfortable with the move away from the armed struggle, it has been left to splinter groups to voice the feelings of hardliners. They are perplexed that the IRA has called off its campaign when republicans have failed to secure their three main demands.

These are: Britain should declare its intent to withdraw from Northern Ireland; the Government should abolish the Unionist veto, which allows the majority in the province to decide their future; the Government should persuade Unionists of the merits of a united Ireland.

Ruairi O Bradaigh, the leader of Republican Sinn Fein, which broke away from the mainstream party in 1986, recently accused Mr Adams of betrayal and warned that a new terrorist group would emerge to fight the British Government. In an interview with the *Belfast Telegraph* he said: "When those members of the Provisionals waiting to see what they have gained realise they have gained nothing, many will become disillusioned and some will be prepared to do something about it. Throughout Irish history there have been uprisings every generation."



Gerry Adams, left, is aware of scepticism among republicans, not least Ruairi O Bradaigh

Scrabble scramble eloigns victor from vanquished

BY CATHERINE MILTON

A LONDON Underground train crew manager from Milton Keynes beat a mathematics teacher from Nottingham yesterday to become Britain's National Scrabble Champion for the second time in a decade.

Mike Willis, 39, who works on London's Victoria Line, won three of five games that featured such words as *eloigned* (separated, 86 points), *qat* (an Arab plant, 14), *fub* (fob, 28), *orf* (a viral infection, 39) and *vaut* (an old form of vault, 21). He first won the competition in 1984, scooping, among other prizes, the Gyles Brandreth Shield.

Mr Willis said: "It was a very exciting game. I made lots and lots of mistakes but I put it down to pressure." The shield, named after the MP who founded the championship in 1971, will again be displayed in his sitting room.

His opponent in the final was Clive Spate, 42, who was a *Times* crossword finalist this year. All games in the competition, which is organised by Spears Games, are conducted according to Chambers Dictionary. But the vocabulary of the Scrabble community reaches parts of the dictionary for which others have little use.



Willis: winner for the second time in a decade

Mr Spate, who was ranked first in the National Scrabble League before the final, played the highest-scoring word of the day with *diactine* (having two rays, 90 points). Mr Willis, ranked 17 before the final, came a close second with *evocated* (evoked, 86). He confessed to at least one stupid mistake, missing the opportunity to score by adding *a* to *veg* to form *vega*, a low fertile plain. Between games, Mr Willis insisted that Scrabble players were a normal cross-section of society. "Some minority groups are terribly self-absorbed. We are not like that." But about 100 excited competitors clustered in front of a huge Scrabble board at a central London hotel left that assertion open to question.

Mr Brandreth, the compere, relaying a letter-by-letter account of the match which he watched on closed-circuit television, did little to dispel the surreal atmosphere. He filled the pauses between plays with a bizarre ad lib storyline constructed around some of the more obscure words. He told the crowd: "The hero *enranks* [joins the ranks of, 82 points] a military band. The *pennon* [flag, nine points] was flying proudly and the *zel* [oriental cymbal, 23] was being struck."

The audience lived every high and low of each match with the players. When Mr Spate played *rev* instead of the crowd's *choice of veg*, cries of "Why, why?" broke out. Mr Willis's *tennises*, however, garnered subdued applause.

New tool aids fight on drugs

BY NICK NUTTALL

A DEVICE to help catch drug smugglers has been developed by British researchers. The hand-held device will offer a simple method of screening the thousands of people milling through airports and ports, the developers claim.

Catching drug smugglers currently requires time-consuming body and baggage searches. Technologies developed to speed up searches by scanning baggage and passengers are complex, cumbersome and expensive.

The new device uses enzymes, isolated from two strains of bacteria, which react with drugs molecules floating in the air. Researchers at the Institute of Biotechnology in Cambridge have harnessed the effect to create a light reaction that is triggered within minutes.

The British Biotechnology Group, the former government-owned agency, has filed patents on the device and is seeking commercial partners. Dr Chris Lowe, director of the institute, said yesterday that the device could detect heroin and morphine, but added that it could be developed to pinpoint other drugs.

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feared that they could become targets for local residents angry that they have not been able to protect them. Bihac town, but not the whole enclave, is a UN-declared "safe area", but its perimeter has never been defined.

In Paris, Alain Juppé, the French Foreign Minister, called yesterday for Nato retaliation against the Croatian Serbs, saying: "Nato has to stop the Serb artillery batteries and get rid of the aircraft flying within Bosnian air space". It was "unacceptable that the international community has allowed Bihac to be bombarded without responding". However, he also called on the United States to clarify its decision to stop enforcing UN sanctions in Bosnia.

His concerns were echoed in Moscow, where Andrei Kozyrev, the Russian Foreign Minister, said he perceived a slide towards a military solution in Bosnia: "Certain actions and declarations by Washington could be understood as support for the military option."

A Nato source said yesterday that because of the proximity of the Udbina airbase to Bihac, only a pre-emptive strike could prevent further Serb air raids on the enclave. Udbina is about 12 miles from the Bosnian border and 20 from the town of Bihac, leaving Nato warplanes a scant few minutes to detect, reach and attack the Serb jets before they were over their target. "Taking out the airfield beforehand would be a much better alternative," the Nato officer said. "The question is, is it politically acceptable?"

Heavy fighting has raged around the Bihac enclave since a Bosnian army offensive three weeks ago.

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Labour backs league tables

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ally. Let us be clear: information available only to those with knowledge and access to it, excludes and patronises those who should be encouraged to demand and expect higher standards."

Mr Blunkett says Labour wants tables to lever up standards, not to damage underperforming schools. He says: "They can work by making schools more accountable to parents who, armed with facts, can ask searching questions. If a parent correctly identifies a short-coming of which the school was previously unaware, so much the better."

He says a Labour government would introduce additional "value-added" measures to show how much progress schools helped their pupils make. These would include information about the ability of a secondary school's intake at 11 or 12, as well as a measure showing year-on-year changes in results.

Mr Blunkett says retraining must be provided for head teachers in charge of struggling schools and their staff. "But if after such training and support from the local education authority and the inspectorate, a head teacher is clearly not up to the job, he or she cannot expect to stay in post. The future of thousands of children can depend on the effectiveness of a single headteacher — and their future must be our primary concern."

Tony Blair, the Labour leader, gave Mr Blunkett a clear brief to overhaul the party's policy.

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Ministers' £500,000 wine bill attacked

Labour last night attacked the Government's £570,000 bill for wine at official functions during the past five years. Alan Milburn, Darlington MP, has written to John Major demanding a review of "an obscene sense of priorities".

Last year £110,000 was spent on wine chosen by the Government Hospitality Fund Advisory Committee, a 70-year-old institution that comprises four wine masters. Sir Ewen Fergusson, the former ambassador who chairs the committee, said: "The reputation of British government hospitality is second to none. We want to ensure that it stays that way."

New Down's test

A potentially more accurate test for Down's syndrome, promising to detect the genetic disease at 11 weeks' gestation, a month earlier than present methods, has been developed. The simple blood test, taken from the mother, hinges on measuring levels of a hormone called Inhibin A. Scientists at Edinburgh have found that levels two and a half times higher than normal are linked to Down's.

Card sharp

Chepstow Comprehensive in Gwent has launched a parents' discount card to raise school funds. For £15 the holder can get discounts of up 20 per cent in local shops, garages and restaurants. The 1,200-pupil school hopes 500 will subscribe to pay for videos, microscopes, drama costumes and trips. Seventy parents have already taken the card and other schools are interested.

C4 Emmy award

British television is expected to dominate the International Emmy Awards in New York tonight. Channel 4, represented by Michael Grade, chief executive, is to be presented with a special award at the ceremony — television's most prestigious prize-giving — for its *Film on Four* series, which included *Four Weddings and a Funeral*, *Howards End* and *The Crying Game*.

Medal runners

A courier service is to be set up to deliver Second World War medals from the British embassy in Moscow to Russian veterans who served in British forces. Applications have flooded into the Army Medals Office from all over Russia since the removal of the Iron Curtain, but many veterans are too frail to collect their medals.

Disaster exercise

Emergency services are to stage a *Marchioness*-style river disaster tomorrow. The exercise follows recommendations contained in the Hayes report on the sinking of the Thames pleasure boat five years ago. A simulated collision between a 200-seater pleasure craft and a speedboat will take place on the River Ouse in York.

Causeway closed

The threat of landslides has shut part of the Giant's Causeway in Northern Ireland. National Trust officials have had to block off one and a half miles of pathway between Roveran Valley Head and Hamilton's Seat, which was damaged by winter gales. More than 370,000 people visit the causeway each year.

Artworks deal

Works of art from the estate of the late Major Michael Smiley of Castle Fraser, Aberdeenshire, have been negotiated by Christie's for allocation to the National Trust for Scotland. The deal, under the acceptance-in-lieu provisions, means they will remain in the castle, which has been a National Trust property since 1976.

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Plenty of small winners, but the BBC scoops the greatest prize of all in Saturday's extravaganza

Lottery flutter pays off for all except the biggest gamblers

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY AND ALEXANDRA FREAN

THE biggest spenders in the National Lottery, a syndicate of theatre-lovers who are gambling £8,350 over five weeks to raise money for a new theatre, won £402 from their first £2,000 stake.

Joe Larter, the self-styled entrepreneur who persuaded 167 investors to wager £50 each to raise £300,000, was putting on a brave face yesterday. "We are pretty happy with that," he said. "I'm not a theatre man at all, I'm just a businessman and I felt they needed some help."

The disappointing result is at least likely to solve one problem for Mr Larter. He had been "unable to move" lately for wellwishers touching him, hoping some of his luck would rub off. While the fundraisers used a computer to choose the numbers, Ian Judge from Glasgow won £46,000 by using his family's ages and birthdays to provide the winning numbers. He said: "I'll pay off my mortgage, I have got finance on double glazing so I'll pay that off, pay off all my other debts, buy a car and a foreign holiday and Santa's going to have to have a very hefty reindeer."

Clare Sheridan wondered what all the fuss was about when she stepped off a plane from Australia into a Britain gripped by Lottery fever. But within hours of returning she had scooped a prize of £32.

Clare, 27, of Southampton, Hants, said: "A friend said I had to have a ticket and she went round the corner and bought a £1 ticket — she even chose the numbers for me! When I landed back in England the last thing on my mind was the National Lottery but now I will be playing it every week."

For most though, the lottery fell short of their fantasies. Although, at seven, there were twice as many jackpot winners as the organisers had anticipated, few players were yesterday planning their life of leisure.

THE NUMBERS

3 5 14 22 30 44 10

THE WINNERS

JACKPOT £5,847,778	Seven winners of the jackpot will each receive £839,254
Match 5 numbers plus bonus Total £1,807,611	39 winners will each receive £46,349
Match 5 numbers Total £1,129,392	2,139 winners will each receive £528
Match 4 numbers Total £2,455,392	76,731 winners will each receive £32
Match 3 numbers Total £16,736,950	1,073,695 winners will each receive £10

A total of 1,152,611 people won prizes in a total pay-out of £22,004,123

JAMES CHEADLE



Clare Sheridan, 27, who won £32 in the lottery hours after returning from a five-week holiday in Australia

Instead, there was a steady dribble of people queuing at newsagents to claim their £10 winnings with three correct numbers. Dinah Moule, a 23-year-old store manager with a London design agency, said: "If I scoop the jackpot it will be a large country house, but a tenner will do for a start."

Unemployed retailer William Coughlan, 33, hadhoped the 8pm television broadcast on Saturday night would turn into a permanent job-hunting solution, but instead ended up recouping his £10 stake. Mr Coughlan, from Walthamstow, said: "It's a bit disappointing just to win your stake back, but I suppose hope springs eternal."

The biggest winner of the evening was the BBC, which attracted the biggest audience for a Saturday evening that the Corporation could remember. Nearly 22 million viewers tuned in to BBC1 lottery extravaganza to watch the live draw and many stayed with the channel for the rest of the evening. *Casualty*, the hospital drama which followed the lottery draw, was watched by 17.4 million — roughly four million more than usual.

The evening was a disaster for ITV, though, which flashed up the six winning lottery numbers seconds after their announcement on BBC during the end of *Blind Date*. Cilla Black' dating show saw its audience plummet from its usual 12 million to 7.8 million. Not even ITV's lottery trump card, an exclusive royal documentary about the Princess of Wales screened immediately after the lottery show could win the viewers back.

Times winner scoops £1,900

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY

IRENE Scott, 63, has won an estimated £1,934 in *The Times* Lottery Prize Draw. She said yesterday the money would go towards buying her three grandchildren special presents this Christmas.

Mrs Scott, a retired secretary who lives in Norwich with her husband, Linton, 73, a retired RAF officer, said: "I've had Premium Bonds since 1956, but I've never won anything before."

She won 10,000 lottery tickets as first-prize winner in the draw. Of those, 171 had three correct numbers and seven had four correct numbers.

The second prizewinner, P. Yeomans of Kent, won an estimated £444 from her 2,000 tickets and Doris Reeves, 63, of Kings Lynn, whose 20 tickets included one with five correct numbers, won an estimated £548.

The winners of the draw had their numbers chosen by a computer. *The Times* gave 21,000 lottery tickets to readers who collected tokens from the newspaper. First prize was 10,000 tickets, second was 2,000 and the third name in the draw was given 1,000. There were also ten people given 100 tickets each, 100 given 20 and another 500 readers who received ten. There were 395 winning tickets in all.

And we all so wanted to see a millionaire

BY JOE JOSEPH

HAD you been sitting with us on Saturday night in Studio One at the BBC to watch the lottery programme going out live — or to be present at "an historic national occasion" in Noel-Edmonds-speak — you, too, would have grabbed the cotton-buds to clean out your ears when you switched on the radio yesterday morning.

"I don't agree," David Rigg, of lottery organiser Camelot, was telling listeners, honest he was. "I don't agree that the country was waiting for someone to become an instant millionaire."

Had Mr Rigg spent last week on the planet Zog? Did we dream Saturday night's memory of Noel Edmonds impersonating Michael Douglas in the film *Wall Street* as he preached a message of "Greed is good" and "Cribbage is for wimps"?

And let's not forget the journalists in the BBC hospitality room when they greeted the 9.10pm "No millionaire winners" newsflash with raw schadenfreude? Those hacks, with no selfish thoughts beyond thumbing their noses at a government that had promised to make someone a millionaire every week, greeted the news with mournful comments, like "Oh they've really cocked it up!" and "No millionaire? What a fiasco!" and "Christ! They've really got egg on their face!".



Edmonds: "Have you ever seen a million?"

Even Alan Yentob, boss of BBC1, who had slipped in to the back row of the Studio One audience just before the 7pm start, admitted that his first thought after the numbers were called was, "Am I going to be rich tonight?"

Edmonds pulled off the tricky feat of making Hughie Green and Bob Monkhouse look quietly dignified. "When we tell you how much money you are going to win tonight," he salivated, "you'll be seriously surprised."

Well, we were of course, but not in quite the way Noel intended. Certainly not the way Noel intended when he shrieked: "Somebody watching this show over the next hour will become a millionaire, AND IT COULD BE YOU!" Or when he screamed: "Have you ever seen a million pounds?" When, just before the numbers went into the lottery machine, Noel coined the immortal phrase, "Now we will have a countdown to the activation of the balls".

The Government warned us that we might get rich, but it didn't warn us that we might get demented with Yukon fever. If Mr Yentob hadn't won the cash, he was at least determined to have won the audience. During a post-mortem Mr Yentob quizzed the show's executive producer, Mike Leggo, about how ITV rivals had fared. "How much later were they with the winning numbers?" Mr Leggo replied: "It seemed an age but when they did publish the numbers, they didn't put up the Bonus Ball. I don't think they knew about the Bonus Ball."

Crikey! ITV had not grasped the concept of the Bonus Ball. It might not have been the historic night when someone in Britain became a millionaire, but surely the historic night ITV failed to get to grips with the Bonus Ball must be worth a Trivial Pursuit question?

Couple who refused to give evidence released from jail

BY ANJANA AHUJA

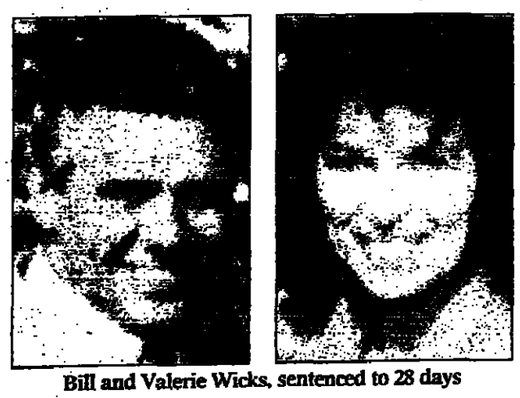
A COUPLE who were jailed for 28 days for contempt of court because they said they were too afraid to give evidence after receiving threats were freed last night.

Valerie Wicks, 57, a secretary, and Bill, 43, a brewery driver, were jailed at Snaresbrook Crown Court, east London, on Friday for refusing to give evidence against Robert Scollard, 41, who had been charged with causing grievous bodily harm to Mr Wicks.

The couple, who had given statements to police on an earlier occassion, failed to attend court and the charges were dropped against Mr Scollard. Mr Wicks told police he and his wife were too frightened to appear in court because they had been threatened.

The decision by Judge Haworth to jail them for contempt of court was criticised by victim support groups, lawyers and the police. After applications by the couple's solicitor they were released at yesterday afternoon.

As he arrived back at his semi-detached home in Romford, Essex, last night Mr Wicks said: "Val has taken it all very badly. She's spending time with her son. I'm going down to the pub to have a drink." He added: "I was taken away from court in a van, although it was like a mobile toilet. It looked like one of those portable loos. I was told I was going to Pentonville. The journey took about three quarters of an hour.



Bill and Valerie Wicks, sentenced to 28 days

"I was taken into a room, photographed, categorised and taken down to a cell and shut up. I was put in a cell with a man doing some time for theft. But he was very nice. He was very lucky too. He said the prison was full of animals.

"I didn't sleep. I have hardly got any sleep at all. I had to wait to make telephone calls, because I was told I could only get a phonecard the following day. I never want to go through that again." An appeal lodged by their solicitors will be heard tomorrow. A woman lodger at Mr Wicks's home said the family had been devastated by the sentence. "Bill's [Mr Wicks's] mum is absolutely distraught," the woman said. "Bill was very worried and wanted to drop the charges, but the police forced him to go on with it. It is totally ridiculous."

The couple failed to appear at a hearing last Tuesday and were ordered to appear before Judge Haworth on Friday. He said the offence was so serious that only a custodial sentence could be justified. Mrs Wicks was taken to Holloway.

Sir Norman Foster's masterpiece in steel.

Not for the first time, Sir Norman Foster examines the familiar stainless steel Rolex GMT-Master on his wrist.

"I would say it is a design classic," he says, then continues by explaining that he admires how functional it is, how simply and directly it communicates information to him, and how he uses its rotatable bezel to check way-points when he is piloting his helicopter.



For Sir Norman Foster, good design is generated by people's needs. He has answered these needs with outstanding architectural solutions in his native England, throughout Europe, and – most notably – in Hong Kong.

It was Foster's design for the headquarters of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank that confirmed his position at the forefront of international architecture.

This supremely elegant building epitomises many of Foster's beliefs as an architect.

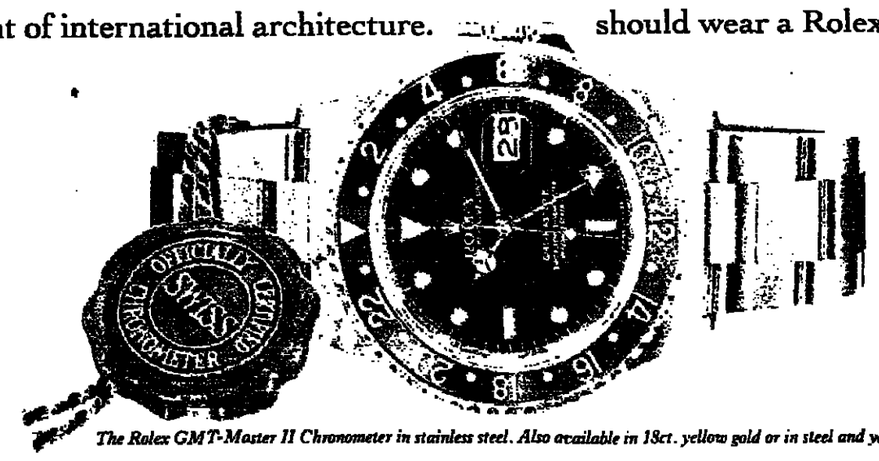
The interior is extraordinarily light and airy. This is achieved by a breath-taking complex of steel supports which leave vast uncluttered spaces for the people who work there, and by a unique 'sunscope' which follows the progress of the sun and funnels light down into the atrium.

Then there is Foster's legendary attention to detail. He has enormous concern for the way in which things are put together and immense respect for the materials he uses.

As one architectural reviewer has commented: "Foster takes engineering materials and treats them like jewellery."

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Congratulations to the seven lucky people who shared over £5.8m in Saturday's exciting first ever National Lottery draw.

And well done also to the 1,152,604 other people who received prizes too.

1,073,695 people matched three main numbers and won £10 (claim at any National Lottery retailer).

76,731 people matched four main numbers and won £32. (Claim at any National Lottery retailer.)

2,139 people matched five main numbers and won £528. (Claim at any National Lottery Post Office or National Lottery Regional Centre.)

39 people matched five main numbers plus the bonus number and won £46,349. (Contact The National Lottery straight away.)

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Police widen patient deaths inquiry after nurse is suspended

BY ANDREW PIERCE

CASE histories of at least a hundred patients in intensive care are being examined by police after a staff nurse was suspended after the suspicious deaths of two patients.

Mandy Jenkinson, 32, was suspended on full pay from her post in the four-bed intensive care unit at Bassetlaw Hospital, Worksop, in January. Police were called in to investigate two deaths in the unit.

Detectives have widened their inquiries to include eight other hospitals that employed Ms Jenkinson, a staff nurse at Bassetlaw for four years. The hospitals include Southmeads in Bristol and City Hospital, Nottingham. Some of the cases being examined involved patients who died.

An internal investigation at Bassetlaw apparently showed that respiratory apparatus and pumps that deliver medication through intravenous drips might have been tampered with. The hospital sent a confidential report of its own investigation to Nottingham police, which has a 20-strong squad of officers working on the case. The report concluded that there was a strong possibility that two deaths at the centre of the investigation might have occurred irrespective of any problems with the breathing apparatus.

"In an intensive care unit some deaths are inevitable whatever the treatment," a hospital spokesman said. "The death rate in the unit is 14 per cent, which is below most other hospitals."

The news of the police investigation has come as such a shock to the patients, and relatives of people who have already died, that they have been offered counselling by the police.

Virginia Bottomley, the Health Secretary, who has been fully briefed about the investigation, has issued an urgent instruction to health authorities to co-operate with the police. Reports that the police have already uncovered 57 suspicious incidents at the eight other hospitals were said to be exaggerated.

Det Supt Peter Coles, who is heading the Bassetlaw inquiry, said that the focus remained at Bassetlaw. It was a routine decision to switch the investigation to the eight other hospitals where the suspended nurse worked.

Detectives have consulted Det Supt Stuart Clifton, who investigated the child murder inquiry at Grantham Hospital, which led to the conviction of Beverly Allit.

Allitt, a children's nurse, is serving 13 life sentences for the murder of four patients and a series of attacks on nine other children who were in her care. Allitt, who suffers from the mental disorder Munchausen Syndrome by proxy, has been treated at Bassetlaw hospital for self-inflicted injuries since she was sentenced at Nottingham in May last year.

ITV plans to move Queen's broadcast

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN

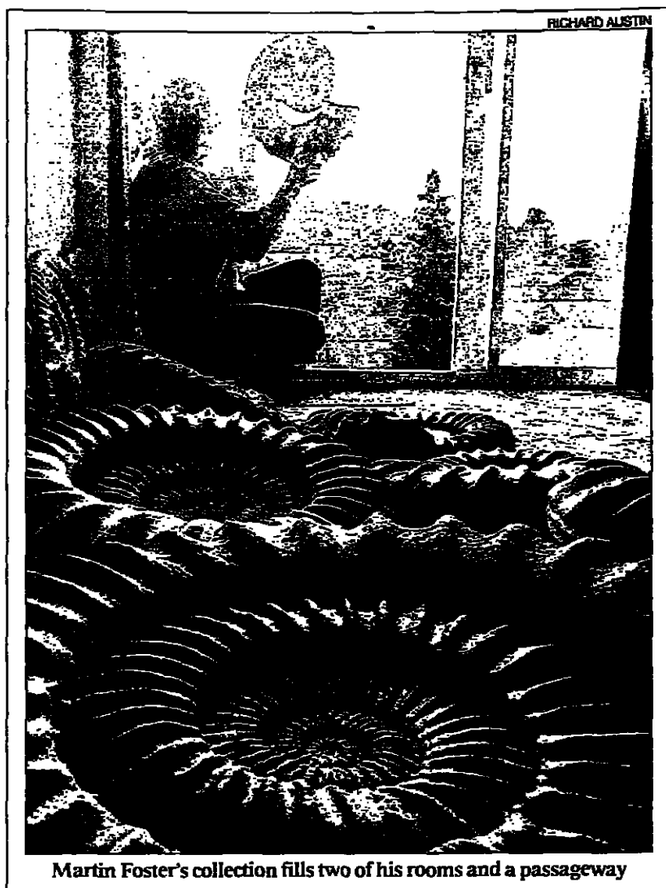
ITV is in discussions with Buckingham Palace about moving the time of the Queen's Christmas Day message from its traditional 3pm television slot to later in the evening. If the Palace agrees, it could happen by 1995.

The development follows a dramatic decline in audience for the Queen's Christmas speech from 23.3 million in 1991 to 19.6 million in 1992 and 18.1 million last year.

An ITV spokesman said the move was intended to improve viewer choice. "There is now so much competition today from the BBC and cable and satellite television, that we thought it better to let viewers make up their own minds when to watch it."

He added: "ITV does not actually need permission to move the Queen's speech, but if there was widespread alarm in the Palace about it, then we probably would not do it."

ITV traditionally loses out to the BBC on Christmas Day. Last year the BBC captured 70 per cent of the audience.



RICHARD AUSTIN

Martin Foster's collection fills two of his rooms and a passageway

Fossils from a bungalow make history

BRITAIN'S biggest collection of ammonite fossils, compiled over ten years, is to be transferred from its bungalow home to the National Museum of Wales.

Martin Foster filled two of his rooms and a passageway with more than 1,650 fossils, all but 20 of them from this country. He retired to the Lyme Regis area of Dorset in 1987 because of its reputation for fossils. "You could say that to accommodate my ammonites I have turned my spacious bungalow into a very small dwelling. I would not have got away with it had I been married," he said.

Stephen How, senior research assistant at the Museum of Wales, in Cardiff, said: "The quality and standard of presentation is superb. The ammonites are ready to go straight under glass. It is amazing that such a collection has been achieved in just ten years."

Mr Foster, 64, who was a researcher for a flour, milling and baking association, said: "I have found many of the ammonites myself — I search for them about once a week — while others have come from collectors. Listing all the details about the ammonites is also very time-consuming. I record everything in my big red *This is Your Life* book. I decided to develop my hobby after retirement because I like to keep active and searching for ammonites is much better than playing golf or bridge."

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

Dealer North — Love all

	♠QJ85 ♥KJ755 ♦86 ♣Q2	
♠932 ♥98 ♦Q1082 ♣1085		♠10754 ♥A1042 ♦74 ♣974
	♠AK ♥Q3 ♦AKJ53 ♣AKJ3	

S	W	N	E
2♣	Pass	2♥ (1)	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	Pass
6NT	All pass		

Opening lead ♠5

(1) It used to be the agreement that a positive response to Two Clubs showed at least an ace and a king. However, the modern idea is to show a decent suit straight away if you can do so at the two level.

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN
BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

When Boris Schapiro and Omar Sharif sat West and East respectively on the above hand from the Wellbeing Charity Tournament at Claridges, their opponents bid to the best contract of 6NT. How should the declarer play?

Answer: the hand is a simple matter of counting tricks and organising the entries appropriately. There are four spade tricks, two in hearts after knocking out the ace, two in diamonds and four in clubs. But to take the spade and heart tricks in dummy, the queen of clubs is needed as an entry. Therefore South should take the first club in hand, unblock the ace and king of spades, and play the queen of hearts.

At the table South made the mistake of winning the first club in dummy with the queen. Although this looks less awkward within the club suit, it removed dummy's only sure entry.

After playing off the ace and king of spades South led the queen of hearts; Sharif correctly ducked, to cut South off from dummy.

The declarer could still have recovered by cashing the remaining clubs and the ace and king of diamonds before playing a second heart, but in the event she played a second round of hearts immediately, and went two down after Sharif took the ace of hearts and exited with a club.

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

English teams

The British Chess Federation has now released the composition of both the men's and women's teams to play for England in the Moscow olympiad. The men's team, in board order, is Nigel Short, Michael Adams, Jon Speelman, John Nunn, Tony Miles and Julian Hodgson. The non-playing captain is Murray Chandler. The women's team consists of Susan Lalic, Harriet Hunt, Jana Bellin and Natasha Regan. The non-playing captain is Chris Ward.

Last stand

The London team facing Paris in the French capital had an almost hopeless task to tie the match at the start of the last round. London needed to score 7.5 points from 9 to ensure a drawn contest. As it was, London won convincingly by 6 points to 3 but the margin was insufficient to avoid overall defeat. Paris ran our the overall winners 42-39.

Chess explosion

The latest of what must be a record of seven international standard chess competitions in London this year is the 4th Baroque International, taking place at the Cafe Baroque in Covent Garden. Here is a fine counter-attacking win from the first round.

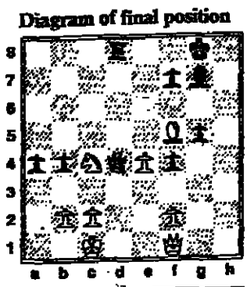
White: McKenna
Black: Dunworth
Cafe Baroque, 1994

Modern Defence

1	e4	g6
2	d4	c6
3	Nc3	d6
4	Be3	Bg7
5	Nf3	Nd7
6	a4	Ngf6
7	h3	0-0
8	a5	e5
9	dxe5	dxe5
10	Qd6	Re8
11	Bc4	Bf8
12	Qd3	h6
13	g4	Qe7
14	g5	Nh5
15	gxh6	Nf4
16	Qf1	Bxh6
17	h4	Nf8
18	h5	g5
19	Bd4	exd4
20	0-0-0	b5
21	Bxb5	Bg4
22	Be2	Bxf3
23	Bxf3	Qb4
24	Rd3	Re5
25	Nb1	Qxa5
26	Ra3	Qb6
27	Rb3	Qc5
28	Rc3	Qb6
29	Rb3	Rb5
30	Rxb5	cxb5
31	Rg1	Rc8
32	Qe2	b4
33	Rd1	Ne6
34	Rd3	Nc4
35	Rxd4	Qxd4
36	Bg4	Rd8
37	Nd2	Bg7
38	Nc4	a5
39	h6	Bxh6
40	Bf5	Bg7
41	Qf1	a4

White resigns

Diagram of final position



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An essential manual for Lord Nolan's ethical workshop

From Aristotle to Weber, from Roosevelt to Gibbon: much of the evidence essential to the Nolan committee will not be found in the acres of newsprint dedicated to sleaze, ***Matthew d'Ancona*** *writes*

John Major's pithy description of the Nolan committee on standards in public life last week as an "ethical workshop" showed how seriously the Prime Minister is taking this inquiry. He believes the body politic to be damaged: he has called in the repairmen to do something about it. How will they address this formidable task?

The success of Lord Nolan's committee will depend to a large extent upon the depth of its intellectual hinterland. Tom King, Peter Shore, Sir Clifford Boulton, Professor Anthony King and their colleagues will read thousands of columns of newsprint reporting the sleaze and scandal of recent months, from cash-for-questions to hotel bills and "cod" faxes. But the committee should also draw upon the deeper wells of philosophy, history and past public policy. Every workshop, after all, needs its manuals.

As pragmatic moral reformers, they should start with first principles. Aristotle's *Ethics* is probably the most common point of reference in Western political ideas and reminds those concerned with standards in public life that moral theories alone "are unable to push the many in the direction of lofty principles".

Max Weber's classic 1918 lecture *Politics as a Vocation* distinguishes between those who live *for* politics and those who live *off* it. The committee may reflect that Weber's distinction has become blurred with the rise of the career politician — no less passionate about politics than his forebears, perhaps, but entirely dependent upon it for a living. It is possible, after all, to be a principled parliamentarian and still need a directorship or two to pay for your children's school fees.

As an antidote to the hubris of the political reformer, the committee should read Michael Oakeshott's masterly collection of essays, *Rationalism in Politics*. "The conduct of affairs, for the Rationalist, is a matter of solving problems," argues Oakeshott. "This assimilation of politics to engineering is, indeed, what may be called the myth of rationalist politics." But politics "always so deeply veined with both the traditional, the circumstantial and the transitory" is not like engineering, he writes. Were Oakeshott alive today, he would probably warn the Nolan committee that current anxieties about political corruption cannot be resolved by abstract principle alone; the lessons of the past must be taken into account.

He might even recommend Conor Cruise O'Brien's recent biography of Edmund Burke, *The Great Melody*. Burke's speeches on the impeachment of Warren Hastings, the corrupt Governor-General of India, are particularly inspiring for the prospective reformer of standards in public life. "Was there ever such a discovery made of the arcana of any public theatre?" Burke asked the House of Lords in 1794. "You see here, behind the ostensible scenery, all the crooked working of the machinery developed and laid open to the world ... You find the appearance all false and fraudulent; and you see the whole trick at once."

One hundred and twelve years later, Theodore Roosevelt struck a different chord in a speech at the laying of a cornerstone at the House of Representatives (reprinted in Brian MacArthur's *Penguin Book of Twentieth-Century Speeches*). Borrowing Bunyan's allegorical image of the Man with the Muck-Rake, the 26th president warned of excessive preoccupation with sleaze and rumour. "There is filth on the floor, and it must be scraped up with the muck-rake," he said. "But the man who never does anything else ... becomes, not a help to society, not an incitement to good, but one of the most potent forces for evil."

Precedent will help the committee decide how vigorously to wield the rake. Sir Lewis Namier's *Structure of Politics at the Accession of George III* and Conrad Russell's *Parliaments and English Politics, 1621-29* are both classic accounts of the ambitions, affiliations and motivations of MPs and show that self-interest has always been a potent force in the life of Parliament. Reading John Grigg's biography of Lloyd George — particularly the sections on the Marconi affair of 1912 — should also convince Lord Nolan's team that political scandal is nothing new. A more recent example is provided by the 1976 report of Lord Salmon's Royal Commission on standards of conduct in public life, which was prompted by the investigation into the corrupt activities of the architect John Poulson.

"A lot of things have been going on under stones," Harold Wilson had told the Commons in 1974, "and it is a desire of every member of this House that these stones should be turned over." In fact, Lord Salmon's inquiry proved how difficult it was to do so. The commission called for the extension of police access to financial information and more extensive search powers; for reform of local government and local parties; and for more information about politicians' interests. But Lord Salmon was sceptical about the effectiveness of registration rules, concluding simply that gifts and hospitality were "always potentially dangerous".

For up-to-date guidance, the Nolan committee should examine the Irish Ethics in Public Office Bill, an admirably precise example of how such reform should be undertaken. The speech given by Minister of State Eithne Fitzgerald on June 29 this year will also be of help to her British counterparts. Registration, she argued, is the best defence against corruption since "those making disclosures are not just making statements of interests: they are also making a statement about the supremacy of the public interest and the need for, and their acceptance of, the highest ethical standards in their conduct of public business". She added, however, that an independent commission would certainly be needed to police the ne rules.

Finally, the committee should ask itself how political life has changed in this country and whether these changes make it necessary to draw up a new ethical code for serving politicians. Walter Bagehot's *The English Constitution* and Leo Amery's *Thoughts on the Constitution* are helpful snapshots of the political landscape in 1867 and 1947 respectively.

For comparison, a survey of the contemporary scene is provided by Peter Riddell's recent book on political careers, *Honest Opportunism*, which identifies a "new governing class" of careerist politicians. Unlike the "frock-coated top-hatted men of substance" remembered by Amery, the new breed of MP focuses its energies almost exclusively upon the life of the House, supplementing income with consultancies and directorships.

This cultural transformation is also recorded in Julian Critchley's highly readable autobiography, *A Bag of Boiled Sweets*. "Thirty-five years ago you could tell a Tory just by looking at him," writes Critchley. "The party still retained something of its prewar sleekness; elderly gentlemen in Trumper's haircuts, wearing cream silk shirts and dark suits, Brigade or Old Etonian ties. They were all called Charlie; today, they all seem to be called Norman." If, as the Prime Minister hinted last week, Parliament is in danger of becoming a "hiring fair", it may be because of these changes in the structure of political life, rather than a precipitate decline in public morality.

Reading lists, of course, are never complete; nor are they often followed to the letter. If the members of the committee can only read one text between now and the publication of their findings, they could do worse than consider Chapter 21 of *The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*. Gibbon's memorable definition of corruption as "the most infallible symptom of constitutional liberty" may strike Lord Nolan and his colleagues as perverse. It should also explain to them why, in a democracy, their success will never be complete.



Lord Nolan's best evidence could come, clockwise, from the likes of Edmund Burke, Peter Riddell, Lloyd George, Julian Critchley, Leo Amery and Max Weber

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Whitehall taskforce says answer to noise pollution is to make it a criminal offence

Ministers plan to pull the plug on noisy neighbours

MINISTERS are considering introducing a new criminal offence which will make it far easier to prosecute excessively noisy neighbours (Michael Dynes writes). A new proposal, modelled on the *Scottish precedent*, would allow the police to fine offenders and confiscate their property if they refused to quieten down.

It is part of a package of measures being drafted by a Whitehall taskforce set up in October by Robert Atkins, the environment minister, to tackle the huge rise in neighbourhood noise, which frequently *results in violence*.

Between 1980 and 1992, domestic complaints rose from 31,076 to more than 88,000. During the past 18 months, an estimated 17 people have been killed, and many more injured, during arguments caused by loud noise late at night, such as music, revving engines and car and burglar alarms.

Only a small minority of sufferers are thought to *complain because they believe* that nothing can be done to stop the noise, or are afraid of retaliation. The review was set up to find ways of rectifying that imbalance.

Mr Atkins said: "Noise pollution is a growing menace for many people which can totally destroy their quality of life. We need to minimise the impact of *noise pollution, whether it* occurs from anti-social behaviour by inconsiderate and selfish neighbours or an inappropriately sited new development."



Atkins: "Noise is a growing nuisance"

Under the 1990 Environmental Protection Act, *noise is* defined as the civil offence of nuisance, which dates back to Anglo-Saxon times. Nuisance makers can be served with noise abatement notices ordering them to stop, and they face a maximum £5,000 fine or prison sentence if they fail to *comply. However, only about* 3 per cent of complaints result in prosecution. Local authorities are responsible for enforcing the act's provisions, but the level of enforcement varies. Three London boroughs, Wandsworth, Westminster, and Southwark, have set up specific noise patrol units to counter the growing menace, but most local authorities insist they do not have the money to do so and rely on over-worked environmental health officers. That means many victims have no choice but to put up with the nuisance *and cope with the* stress, depression and acute loss of sleep that can result.

Environmental health officers have to obtain evidence that the neighbour is creating a statutory nuisance, defined *as "noise emitted from* premises so as to be prejudicial to health or a nuisance", before an abatement notice can be served. This can be a difficult, time-consuming and expensive process. If they had *the power to order the nui*sance to be stopped, a quick visit from the police would be a cheaper and more effective remedy, officials say.

The Whitehall taskforce also believes complaints could be reduced if developers used higher standards of noise insulation in all new developments, and if surveyors introduced a noise grading system in their valuation surveys to tell buyers how well properties were insulated against noise in their valuation surveys.

Local mediation services could also be introduced to reduce the number of violent incidents between neighbours caused by excessive noise during unsocial hours.

The Whitehall taskforce, made up of officials from the Environment Department, the Home Office, the Lord Chancellor's Department and the three council departments, will present its report to ministers in the New Year. A period of consultation will follow before any new legislation is put forward.



Patricia Corrie and Errol Vincent patrol Wandsworth, one of three boroughs to have a special noise unit

MARTIN BEDDALL



Valerie Gibson launched the Right to Peace and Quiet Campaign after being forced from her home by loud music

Far from quiet on the west London front as sound assault increases

BY ANJANA AHUJA

COMPLAINTS about noise in the London borough of Kensington and Chelsea have risen for the seventh *year in succession. This year's* total already tops last year's 7,000. Car alarms, inconsiderate builders, foghorn neighbours and soundproof-defying stereos are the main sources of disquiet.

The four environmental health officers on noise patrol in the borough are so *in demand that another two* will be taken on before Christmas. The night shift, 7pm to 7am, is the busiest. "Most cases happen because of thoughtlessness rather than malice. The ones who *cause trouble are those who* don't open their door in the first place," says Jon Emmett, a burly former policeman who has been a health officer for six months.

Telephone complaints are paged to the officer on duty, who could be anywhere in the borough. On some nights there might be five calls and at other times 50. Surprisingly, weekends are not the worst times. "People tend to be *more tolerant on a Friday* night. They don't have to get up for work the next day," says Mr Emmett. Summer is the worst time, with long days and hot nights coming together in a heady mix of *decibels and tempers.*

According to Jonathan Sime, an environmental psychologist, our territorial instincts are to blame.

"You only have to look at garden fences to see how territorial people are. They have a strong attachment to their homes and like to feel *they are in control. The* problem with noise is that it travels across boundaries. It is an invasion of privacy."

Steve Eckles, head of environmental health at the council, recalls one car being pelted with eggs and tomatoes after its alarm had been sounding for several hours. Even efforts at compromise can spill over into confrontation. "The officers do get threatened, but they *are chosen for their ability to* defuse tense situations," says Mr Eckles. "It was pointed out to me that all the officers I appointed were rather large but that was pure coincidence."

***Last week saw a typical* incident. After dealing with a minor bug infestation, Mr Emmett turned his attention to an early evening complaint about a car alarm in Earl's Court Road. At 8.10pm, Mr Emmett traced the name and address of the van's owner through the police. The owner *was out for the evening* and the babysitter could not find the keys.**

A notice was served on the van at 8.28pm, which obliged Mr Emmett to wait one hour before ordering contractors out to turn it off. The babysitter found the keys and deactivated the alarm at 8.32pm. The owner would have been greeted on his return by a council order for the alarm to be replaced by *one that cuts out after 15* minutes.

But some victims of noise feel not enough is done to protect them. Val Gibson, 43, started the Right to Peace and Quiet Campaign in 1991 *after being driven out of her* terraced home in southeast London by a neighbour playing loud music.

"The council couldn't seem to help and we were left feeling totally alone," she says. Ms Gibson feels that she has been left with a permanent neurosis. She moved *into a detached house after* selling her former home for £10,000 less than she paid for it.

"After six months I was ready to default on the mortgage and just walk out," she says. "I could never go back to living next to people again."

Medical research computers stolen

Thieves broke into the Medical Research Council's magnetic resonance spectroscopy unit at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, on Saturday *and stole computers worth* £30,000 containing detailed research data. The 14 scientists at the unit are engaged on a ten-year research programme into the origins of heart disease and cancer.

Professor George Radda, director of the unit, said: "We do back up our material but I suspect we have lost stuff going back over the last six weeks. Some of that is irreplaceable. I just hope we *haven't lost medical data* which can't be repeated."

Hunt charges

Three men arrested after scuffles at a foxhunting protest at *Good Easter, Essex, on Satur*day will appear in court at Chelmsford today. Two are charged with assaulting police and the third with aggravated trespass, a new offence under the Criminal Justice Act.

Gallery grows

Six architects have been selected to submit designs for a £15 million extension to Manchester City Art Gallery to allow more of its collection to be exhibited. It includes works by Adolphe Valette, who taught L.S. Lowry to paint and influenced his distinctive style.

Fatal shock

Martha Svenson, 76, died from a heart attack after *disturbing intruders who had* smashed a window of her home at Sunderland, Tyne and Wear. Mrs Svenson, who had got up to help her husband Stanley, 77, investigate, collapsed in the living room.

Policeman held

*A policeman was being ques*tioned last night after £10,000 belonging to a prisoner disappeared. Detectives from Wakefield, West Yorkshire, are interviewing the officer, who has been held in a police cell in Newark, Nottinghamshire, for the past two days.

Channel bar

Children under 16 are no longer to be allowed to attempt to swim the English Channel. At its annual meeting in Folkestone, Kent, the Channel *Swimming Association voted* to increase the age limit from 12, on grounds of health and safety.

Grateful Fiji

A new town in Fiji is to be named Cotswold as a gesture of thanks to the people of *Cirencester who raised* £2,250 towards 500 new homes after hundreds of Fijians were made homeless by cyclones. The money was raised by the town's rotary club.

Club raided

Armed robbers left three staff handcuffed to a railing when they raided the Park End Club in Oxford in the early hours of yesterday and got away with the night's takings. The staff handed over the cash after being threatened with a knife and a handgun.

Dog had his day

The greyhound that ran out of the Long Eaton stadium, Derbyshire, after trailing in last in a race 12 days ago has been judged temperamentally unsuited to the sport. Magpie, who was found three miles away with his head stuck in railings, is to retire.

Dorrell goes north in search of culture

BY PAUL WILKINSON

THE government minister who urged culture seekers to *visit Huddersfield instead of* Paris is today making his first trip to the North Country mill town that was the unexpected object of his tribute.

Civic leaders in the West Yorkshire town were pleasantly *surprised when Stephen* Dorrell, the National Heritage Secretary, told the Conservative Party conference last month that their home was a centre of cultural excellence.

Pointing out that Britons often ignored what was on their own doorstep to journey abroad in search of culture, he singled out the town's festival of contemporary music, saying it was as good as anything a tourist might find in the *French capital.*

Mr Dorrell will tour the area's artistic attractions, attending a violin recital that is part of this year's festival and visiting the Byram Arcade Literature Centre, which has *earned Huddersfield the title* of Poetry Capital of Britain.

Black trainee wins race case against firm of solicitors

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

A BLACK trainee solicitor has successfully taken her firm of solicitors to an industrial tri*bunal where the firm was* found guilty of unlawful discrimination.

Jenny Lindsay, 31, was dismissed by the East Midlands firm Ironsides Ray & Vials after she failed her Law Soci*ety finals. Two other trainees,* both white, who also failed were given a grant to resit their examinations and then allowed to return to the firm.

Ms Lindsay, who joined the firm in 1988 as a trainee, failed four out of her seven papers in October 1990 and asked for a grant to take her resits. The firm's management committee refused her request, informed her she would not be kept on and pointed out that her contract stated that it would be terminated unless she passed all her papers.

The firm maintains the refusal of the grant and the ending of Ms Lindsay's contract was on financial grounds. But *the tribunal, where Ms Lind*say was backed by the Commission for Racial Equality and a law centre in Leicester, rejected that explanation as *unreasonable and drew the* inference that she was dismissed on racial grounds.

Compensation is to be decided at a later date. The tribunal held she was treated less favourably than the other *two trainees. It accepted the* firm's insistence that race played no part and that it did not intend to discriminate. "However, that is no defence and we are satisfied that they allowed a situation to develop within the firm where such discrimination did take place," the tribunal ruled.

Herman Ouseley, chairman of the Commission for Racial Equality, said that the tribunal had made reference "to the fact that the lack of an equal opportunities policy contributed to the situation". He added: "The Law Society's support of equal opportunity policies is laudable. However, it is a matter of great concern that some firms have not yet put their houses in order."

Fish hook killed stranded whale

BY A STAFF REPORTER

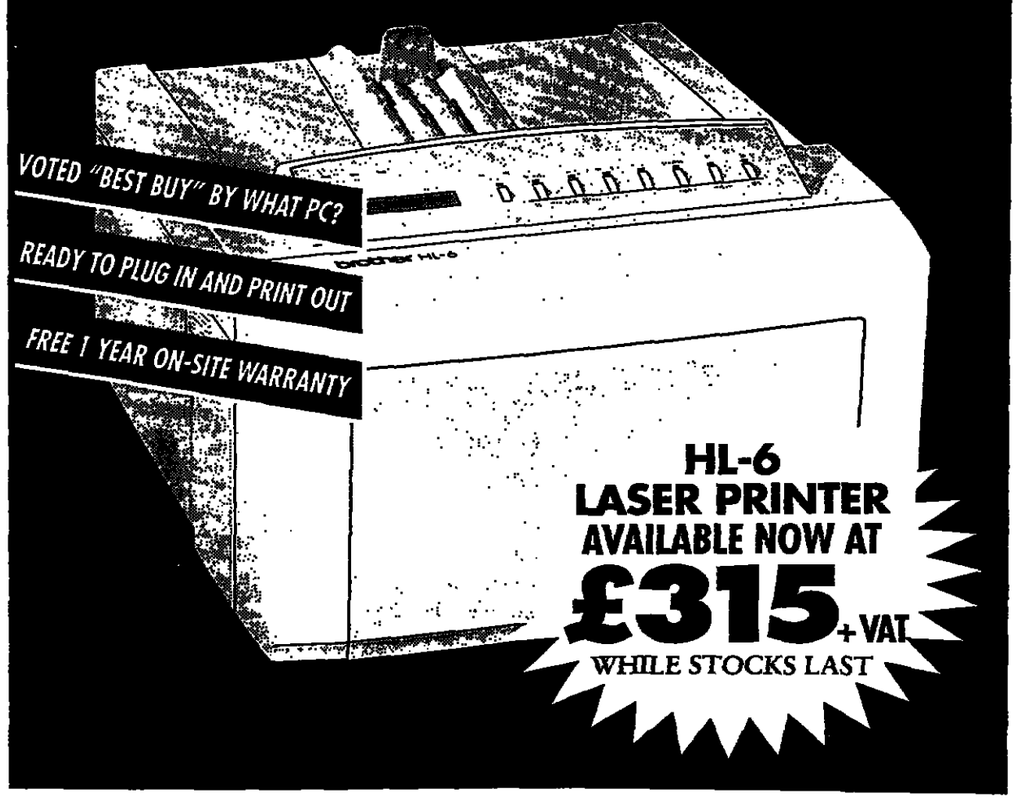
THE whale that was stranded *in Shetland was killed by a* small fishing hook, experts have discovered. Scientists examined the 20ft-long carcass at the weekend and found a fish hook in its stomach.

The killer whale swam into the sea inlet of Catfirth to die last week. At first it was *thought to be trapped by its* tail, but divers found nothing holding it back. Ron Patterson, *of the Scottish Society* for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, said yesterday that more tests were being carried out but it was most likely that the whale had been killed by the hook, which was an inch by half an inch.

A team from Inverness-based Scottish Strandings, scientists who study sea life washed up on the coast, carried out the examination on Saturday, on the shore at Catfirth. "They discovered a fishing hook in its stomach which appears to have been the cause of death," Mr Patterson said. "They said there was quite a large inflammation in the stomach, so it must have been in some pain."

There was nothing in the *whale's stomach but the* hook, showing it had been unable to eat. "It is incredible that something the size of a fish hook could kill something the size of a killer whale." The whale's body has been buried on shore by Shetland Islands council.

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Young professionals forsake festive hearth for romantic retreat

BY RACHEL KELLY AND MARIANNE CURPHEY

YOUNG professional families are fleeing traditional Christmases at home in favour of renting large country houses and castles with friends and extended families. Letting agents report a surge in demand for property that can sleep up to 15, and have already let nearly all houses on their books that can accommodate two or three families.

The Landmark Trust, which has a varied collection of historic properties to let, says that only a few suitable for large parties are still available. "In the last week, there has been quite a rush for them," said a spokesman.

Wortham Manor, a medieval-cum-Tudor manor on the Cornish borders that sleeps 15, is still on the trust's books for the Christmas and New Year period at £1,948 a week. Saddell Castle on the Mull of Kintyre sleeps eight and is for let at £1,620; Fort Clonque on Alderney sleeps 12 and is for rent for £1,377 a week, and Milkham House on Lundy, which sleeps 12, is for rent for £1,296.

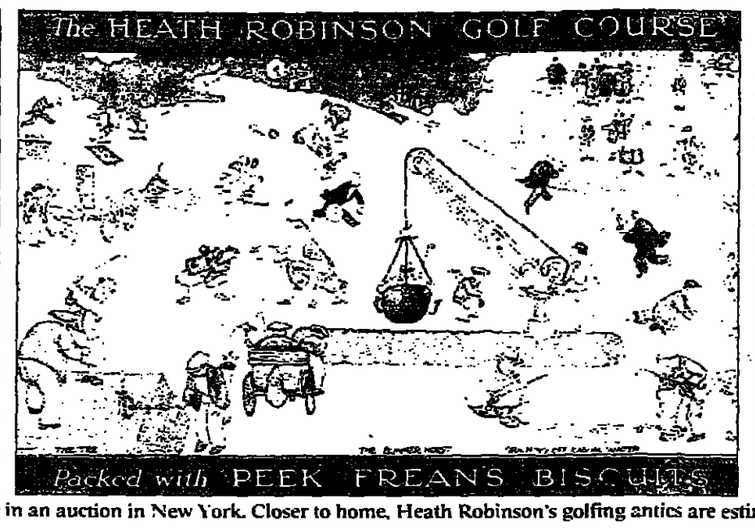
Rebecca Morgan, from the trust, says: "Lundy Island is a great place to go. It's like one long party, with everyone tumbling into everyone else's houses for drinks, and there are no cars."

Blandings letting agents in Cambridge specialises in large country houses and Scottish castles. Hatton Castle, near Turriff in Grampian, sleeps 12 and is available to let over Christmas for £6,000 a week. It lies at the heart of its own 2,000-acre estate and is owned by the twelfth Laird of Hatton. There is a golf course near by, a tennis court, a billiard room, gunroom, and table tennis in the basement. Each bedroom has a four-poster bed and the castle comes with a cordon bleu cook and butler. Baledmund Castle, on the lower slopes of the Grampian range, sleeps 16 and is for let for £2,400 a week.

John Bray, from the letting agents John Bray Cornish Holidays, says that all 41 of his country houses in and around Cornwall have already been booked for the season. "The demand has been exceptional this year. Typically, we would let to two or three younger families with children who would rent a house and gather their extended families."

The National Trust, which has over 200 restored properties on its books, says that virtually all of its large houses have been booked for months. A Victorian seafront house in Cowes, Isle of Wight, which sleeps nine plus a baby, and will cost £712 a week for Christmas next year, is already taken, as are most of the trust's properties in Cornwall sleeping over four people.







Classic movie posters feature in an auction in New York. Closer to home, Heath Robinson's golfing antics are estimated at £12,000-£18,000

Seasonal auctions are a gift for the rich shopper

BY JOHN SHAW AND ROBIN YOUNG

FOR the Christmas shoppers who have seen everything the stores have to offer, the salerooms beckon. Serious seasonal shopping for the rich begins this week in London, Geneva and New York.

Sotheby's in London has a ready-made £200,000 toy museum for sale. The Museum of Childhood at Beaumaris, Anglesey, has won numerous awards. But Bob Brown, 77, its creator, has decided to sell his "pension fund".

The small boy in every tycoon might be drawn to a ready-to-fly Spitfire from the Battle of Britain memorial flight being sold off by the MoD for £350,000-£450,000 on Saturday.

At the opposite extreme, the catalogue for Q, a mail order company in west London, is offering personal trans-oceanic submarines. There is a choice of three, priced from $750,000 to $75 million.

Movie buffs at Sotheby's in Manhattan on December 10 will find original posters for cinema classics. Among them are Chaplin's *The Gold Rush* (1925, estimated $7,000-$10,000); *Gone With the Wind* (1939, $60,000-$75,000); and *Queen Christina* (1933, $10,000-$15,000).

Some of the rich have already been out shopping in Geneva for jewellery to wear at Christmas parties. Sotheby's sold the biggest heart-shaped white diamond ever seen on the market for a world record £3.3 million. Christie's followed with blue and pink stones for £4 million and £4.7 million.

The more affordable Heath Robinson (£300 to £18,000) features in a sale of illustrated books, drawings and watercolours at Sotheby's in London on November 30.



George and Alison Sassoon outside their new home, a rented flat in the Wiltshire countryside

Sassoon weighed down by stone

BY JOHN YOUNG

GEORGE Sassoon, son of the First World War poet Siegfried Sassoon, might have expected his luck to improve after losing £500,000 at Lloyd's, having to put the family seat on the market and being fined £10,000 for failing to restore a pair of historic gates.

It was not to be. On Friday, he received a letter from West Wiltshire District Council informing him that its conservation officer was not satisfied with the work to the gates. "It cannot be regarded as an acceptable restoration," the letter said. "It will be necessary to disassemble the stone blocks and reconstruct the piers properly."

Mr Sassoon is considering an appeal to the High Court. "The man who did the job has been a stonemason for 18 years, so he should know what he is doing," he said. Since putting Heytesbury House in Wiltshire up for sale, Mr Sassoon, 58, an electronic engineer, and his wife Alison have moved into a tiny rented flat in a bungalow. "I have spent quite a lot of my working life on oil rigs, and when Alison was married to her first husband, they lived in army quarters, so we are used to cramped conditions," he observed. "In the big house, we practically had to use walkie-talkies. The great thing about a small flat is that we can talk."

Siegfried bought Heytesbury at the time he married George's mother, Hester, in 1933. Built in Elizabethan brick, it was refaced with Bath stone in about 1780 and retains Tudor features. "I think he thought she would like it and she thought he would," their son recalls. "But I don't think either of them really did. It was a white elephant even then."

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Deaconess first to marry divorcee

A DEACONESS is to become the first Church of England clergywoman to marry a divorcee. But the Rev Christine Streeter, 44, cannot marry organist David Haddon-Reece in church, so the ceremony will be held a register office.

"We have no choice but to marry elsewhere. I've got to toe the line, basically," she said. "On occasions you can remarry a divorcee in church, but only the incumbent can make that decision."

Miss Streeter, who was ordained in York Minster last year, said they had not approached her Bishop, the Rt Rev Gordon Bates. Bishop of Whitby, but she knew he could not agree to their marriage in church.

"He has to refuse because that is the law as it stands and clergy who apply now to the Archbishop will get a 'No' because we have to uphold what the Church of England is saying," she said.

Instead she and Mr Haddon-Reece will be married at the nearest register office, in Malton, North Yorkshire, on Saturday, followed by a blessing at one of the five churches she runs on the North York Moors. They have chosen St Mary's in Lastingham.

The couple met two years ago when Mr Haddon-Reece, a retired scientist, stood in for the regular organist at St Lawrence's Church, Rosedale.

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Arafat faces death threats in tinder-box Gaza Strip

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN GAZA CITY

YASSIR Arafat has become the target of death threats in the Gaza Strip as desperate mediation efforts continued to prevent Friday's killing of 14 Palestinians and the wounding of 200 others by PLO police officers from degenerating into civil war.

The threats do not come only from Palestinians. Ali Akbar Mohtashemi, the leading Iranian hardliner, in an interview published yesterday called on Muslims to avenge the killings, and singled out President Clinton of America, Israeli leaders and Mr Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

"The revenge should target the real terrorists: criminal Americans and the Zionists," the Iranian former Interior Minister wrote. "Arafat and *his clique come next in line to* be punished."

After six months of relative calm, yesterday's rush of new slogans on the walls of Gaza City showed how real the danger has become for the leader of the PLO. "Arafat, you will pay a high price," said a message written in red on a wall near the Palestine Mosque where the shooting on Friday began after Islamic militants started an illegal demonstration. They were protesting against the peace deal with Israel which is opposed by at least 30 per cent of Gaza's 850,000 Arabs, many of them unemployed youths with little cash but ready access to guns. "Hamas, *the Islamic Resistance Move-*



A downcast Arafat at a weekend meeting with EU delegates in Gaza

ment, and Islamic Gihad condemn the massacre perpetrated by Arafat and [Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak] Rabin," another said. That slogan was designed to drive home the message that many see little to distinguish the PLO leader, repeatedly described as a collaborator, from the Israeli government with which he signed peace in September last year.

"The heroes of the explosion on Dizingoff Street (a suicide attack in Tel Aviv in which 22 *Jews were killed last month)* are well able to explode the bloody heads of the Palestinian National Authority", another slogan said.

Iyad Sarraj, a psychiatrist and member of a Gaza human rights group, said: "We have all the ingredients for a civil war. Polarisation is so acute, arms are everywhere, tension is high and, more than anything, we have undisciplined armies on both sides."

Despite a temporary agreement to halt provocations, one of the mediators, Abdul-Wahab Darawshe, an Israeli Arab parliamentarian, spoke of the tinder-box atomosphere on the streets where evidence of the desperate need for aid is everywhere to be seen. "I am afraid that any spark could reignite the situation", he said after hours of talks which reportedly left PLO leaders exhausted and angry at the failure of the outside world to provide promised cash to alleviate the squalor which is the main breeding ground for Hamas.

Haidar Abdel-Shafi, 65, president of the Red Crescent and a founder of the PLO respected by all sides, denied that money would be sufficient *to resolve Gaza's crisis.*

"There is a mood of real discontent among all Palestinians who believe the peace process lacks credibility because the Israelis still have not acknowledged our right to self-determination", Dr Abdel-Shafi said. "While this mood prevails, there can be no guarantee about anything.

"Neither Rabin nor Arafat can stop Hamas. Only the Palestinian public can stop the spread of Hamas, and they will only do that when they are convinced the peace process is something so precious it is worth defending."

☐ **Mubarak meeting:** President Mubarak of Egypt will meet John Major today to discuss ways of ensuring progress in the Middle East peace process (Our Political Correspondent writes). Mr Mubarak arrived in London yesterday to promote investment in Egypt.



Samir Geagea on his way to court in Beirut. He is the first of the civil war militia chiefs to face trial, and is charged with a church bombing in February and a rival's murder

Lebanese protests over trial of warlord

FROM REUTER IN BEIRUT

LEBANESE Christian commentators denounced the murder trial of Samir Geagea, the former Christian warlord, yesterday as a political manoeuvre directed against their weakened community.

A newspaper editor said that the trial, which opened on Saturday, must not be allowed to become a show trial like the Stalinist trials in Eastern Europe.

Another columnist accused the Syrian-backed government of continuing by other means the 1975-1990 civil war from which the once dominant Christian minority emerged weakened and in a subordinate position.

Mr Geagea, 42, the former leader of the now disbanded Lebanese Forces militia, is accused of a church bombing in February that killed 11 worshippers and the 1990 murders of a Christian rival *and his family.*

Supporters outside the court asked whether it was fair that Mr Geagea should be on trial while leaders of other sectarian former militias hold high political office.

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Angolan leaders miss peace signing

BY SAM KILEY AFRICA CORRESPONDENT

JONAS Savimbi, leader of the rebel Unita movement, failed to appear for a peace signing ceremony with the Angolan government yesterday, delegating the task to General Eugenio Manuvakola, one of his commanders.

His absence was seen as indicating that a ceasefire has little chance of holding. Unita spokesmen said he was "unable to attend because the government is bombing airfields around Angola".

President dos Santos also did not attend the ceremony, held in Lusaka, the Zambian capital, in the presence of Presidents from neighbouring countries. He delegated signing to his Foreign Minister, Venancio de Moura.

One Western diplomat commented that, without the signatures of the two leaders, the peace accord "is not worth zip".

Yesterday's ceremony marked the outcome of a year of negotiations. The process throughout has been marked by deep mutual distrust.

Dr Savimbi led his men back to war after losing the 1991 elections. The government swiftly responded by slaughtering Unita sympathisers in Luanda, the capital, and other coastal cities.

Recent government attacks on a weakened Unita have *further deepened animosities*, leading one African diplomat at yesterday's ceremony to comment: "The only chance of peace in Angola will come when Savimbi and dos Santos are dead."

Soon after yesterday's signing, Unita's radio claimed that there was heavy fighting around Cuito Cuanavale and Menongue, in the south.

Under the peace accord, Unita is supposed to disarm, demobilise or join the government army for training while the politicians prepare another round of elections. The full terms have not been publicly announced, but it is understood that Dr Savimbi *will become a Deputy* President.

Patten's reforms supported

Hong Kong: Sir Robin McLaren, Britain's former Ambassador in Peking, publicly supported reforms in Hong Kong initiated by Chris Patten, the Governor (Jonathan Mirsky writes).

Two other former Ambassador, Sir Richard Evans and Sir Alan Donald, have spoken coolly of the programme, but Sir Robin, speaking at the university here, said that no other policy would have been possible. Britain had been prepared to compromise, he said, but China had refused.

Ties renewed

Hanoi: President Jiang Zemin of China arrived here on the first visit by a Chinese head of state to Vietnam since Liu Shaoqi, later purged in the Cultural Revolution, visited *the capital in 1963 to be* greeted by Ho Chi Minh.

Timor prayers

Dili: In one of the biggest turnouts for Mass in East Timor in years, 1,000 Catholics squeezed into open space at the home of Bishop Carlos Belo to pray for peace after a week of pro-independence protests. *(Reuter)*

Rigging claim

Kathmandu: Madhav Kumar Nepal, general secretary of Nepal's Communist Unified Marxist-Leninist Front, accused the ruling Congress Party *of vote-rigging to cut the* front's lead in the country's election. *(Reuter)*

Climbers die

Kathmandu: A huge falling slab of snow killed a team of ten European climbers — nine Germans and a Swiss — and a Sherpa in the Nepali Himalayas, knocking them down a sheer slope into a gully, a rescuer said. *(Reuter)*

Deadly potion

Delhi: Adulterated liquor has killed nearly 50 people in the north Indian state of Bihar, it was reported. Seven people have been arrested and shops selling locally made spirits closed. *(Reuter)*

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Socialists await their champion as fratricide plagues Gaullist camp

Delors urged to carry his colours into battle for presidency

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

FRANCE'S bedraggled Socialist Party took a deep breath yesterday and urged Jacques Delors to stop hesitating and plant its standard on the presidential battlefield.

Henri Emmanuelli, the hard-Left Marxist leader and no friend of M Delors, was finally left to appeal to him at a party congress. "In the name of the Socialists, I tell you Jacques, it is your duty," he said.

M Delors did not attend the congress at Liévin, in the old northern heartland of the Left, although President Mitterrand did appear on the fringes. His haggard appearance — he is having chemotherapy for cancer — increased speculation that he may step down to pave the way for M Delors when the latter leaves Brussels in January. M Delors, however, is still agonising over whether to enter a race for which he says he feels duty but no desire.

Absence and reluctance are proving fine weapons for a man who, according to current wisdom, will end up in a run-off with Edouard Balladur, the Gaullist Prime Minister. The pair are neck and neck in the polls. By staying out of France for a decade, M Delors has acquired the air of saviour who could descend from the heights like de Gaulle or Joan of Arc to rid France of its malaises.

That role is the one that Jacques Chirac, the thrusting Gaullist leader and former Prime Minister, has tailored for himself. After his party's triumph in last year's general elections, M Chirac withdrew from the scene and penned the vision for reform that is effectively required of anyone who aspires to de Gaulle's mantle. But the plan went awry because M Balladur, the politician he sent to the Prime Minister's job, has eclipsed him in public favour.

M Chirac, the only declared candidate of the mainstream, now looks unhealthily eager for a job which you are supposed to disdain. The other main figures openly running include Jean-Marie Le Pen, the ultra-Right National Front leader, and the Communist, Robert Hue.

The field could soon be joined by Philippe de Villiers, the figurehead of the middle-class hard Right, and by Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, the mild conservative who still believes he was robbed when M Mitterrand unseated him in 1981.

M Balladur and M Delors may still be affecting coyness, but the candidates have now all performed the ritual of publishing their manifestos in book or other form. All subscribe to the notion that France is in deep social crisis. All also recognise that the failure to curb unemployment, running at 12.7 per cent despite a return to growth, is the direct consequence of maintaining France's generous welfare state. All proclaim with religious fervour that nothing must touch the benefits and labour protection that cost so much for the state and employers. Yet they privately all acknowledge that the system cannot be sustained.

They are in varying degree all pro-European, with M Delors moderating his federalist views somewhat in favour of national sovereignty and M Chirac flirting with the anti-Maastricht sentiment that has spread over the past two years.

The biggest uncertainty left is not whether M Delors or M Balladur will run, but whether the Gaullists can stop the fratricide in their camp. M Balladur's supporters, notably the redoubtable Charles Pasqua, the Interior Minister, want to hold an American-style primary election. Although most think M Balladur would flatten his "friend of 30 years" in such a bout, there were signs at the weekend that M Chirac's camp could accept the proposal.

Paris: Edouard Balladur, the French Prime Minister, told the Council of French Jewish Institutions on Saturday that immigration risks running out of control in some French cities and could tear France's social fabric apart. He said it could lead to rejection, incomplete integration, or demands not compatible with "the duties which come with republican rights". (AFP)



President Mitterrand and Henri Emmanuelli, the Socialist Party leader, attending a memorial service for 42 miners killed in an explosion 20 years ago at Liévin, north France, where the party held a weekend congress

Catholic of the Left can still rally support from political centre

BY CHARLES BREMNER

JACQUES Delors, 69, is the President of the European Commission and bogeyman of British tabloids.

■ *Career:* A former bank official and trade unionist from the Roman Catholic Left. Swiftly promoted to the high technocracy, though lacking university degree and failed to attend the Ecole Nationale de l'Administration. A Socialist who blotted his copybook with François Mitterrand's party by serving in the Gaullist administration of Chaban-Delmas in early 1970s. Still distrusted by Socialists because as Finance Minister he was architect of M Mitterrand's U-turn to austerity in 1983.

■ Personal: An odd mixture of humble and arrogant, thin-skinned and prone to temper. A good conciliator yet intolerant. Committed Christian.

■ Hobbies: jazz, football, films. A family man devoted to wife, Marie, and daughter, Martine Aubry.

■ Strengths: Not a politician and for past decade only sighted in France as European statesman. Working-class origins and simple manners qualify him as man of the people. As a Catholic who has served in a Gaullist administration, he is well placed to rally centre and Catholic conservative support.

■ Weaknesses: Not a politician. M Mitterrand believes he lacks the killer instinct.

■ Campaign book: *L'Unité d'un Homme*, published this month, sets out his beliefs in social justice.



Delors: has a fondness for jazz and football

A LEADER'S PHILOSOPHY

☐ **Destiny: "I have a passion for reform, for the progress of man and society. I cannot stand the feeling of being useless."**

☐ **Europe: "According to [John Major], the issue now is to build a greater Europe around a single market and some areas of co-operation, notably in the environment. Everything else is flexible. I call that Europe à la carte. This is not my thesis. Mine is: the fathers of the Treaty of Rome wanted not just peace among us, but also that Europe should be able to continue existing in a world in which they sensed profound change in the wind, without being able to describe it. In consequence, if we want our nations to keep their universal capacity together, they must unite politically, without nostalgia for the old order."**

☐ **On his thin skin: "I have become less sensitive to criticism. Now when I read unpleasant articles about me, I can take it or leave it."**

☐ ***Left and Right:* "The spirit of the Right is dominated by scepticism towards the possibility of profound change in society and above all towards the idea that man can achieve progress over himself. On the Left, on the other hand, there exists a belief in human and social progress."**

☐ **Economic system: "We have preserved social security and the welfare state, but at the expense of employment. Neo-liberalism, which put the emphasis on the market, manifested itself in Europe by the policies led by Margaret Thatcher, who sometimes had good reasons to prise off the shackles which were condemning British society to decline. But [Thatcherite policies] fell into an excess of laissez faire."**

Extracts from **L'Unité d'un Homme *by Jacques Delors, (Editions Odile Jacob).***

UN draws up strategy for war on mafias

■ **The memory of two judges killed while fighting the Cosa Nostra inspires a 136-nation conference which opens in the Italian heartland of crime today, John Phillips writes**

MINISTERS from 136 countries are attending a United Nations conference on organised crime in Naples today in the hope of formulating an international strategy against increasingly powerful mafias.

The meeting was the brainchild of Giovanni Falcone, Italy's leading crime-fighter, before he and his wife and police bodyguards were assassinated by the Cosa Nostra on the road to Palermo in 1992, conference sources say.

Silvio Berlusconi, the Italian Prime Minister, was last night meeting Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN Secretary-General, in Naples before playing host to 1,000 delegates at a conference cocktail party at the archaeological museum in the crime-infested port city. Entertainment for delegates includes a concert with operatic arias sung by Luciano Pavarotti at the Teatro San Carlo tonight.

Organisers say they have high hopes of initiating a greater pooling of information between the world's police forces and judiciaries. Delegates are also to discuss ways of harmonising relevant laws and regulations.

The convening of the conference appears to be a tacit admission that Interpol, the international police force, is inadequate in the battle against international crime gangs. Yet there is bound to be criticism that the 11 billion lire (£4 million) extravaganza is little more than an expensive talking shop. Among projects to be decided is the establishment of an international investigators' training school.

Italian investigators have long argued that the battle against organised crime can be won only at the international level. "One of the fundamental problems that afflict agents in the struggle against crime, perhaps the one that most helps to explain the importance of the conference in Naples, is the scarcity of reciprocal information," said Jas Gawronski, the Prime Minister's spokesman. "There are very different strategies from one country to another."

The choice of Naples was evidently considered appropriate as it is the headquarters of the Camorra, the vicious Neapolitan version of the Sicilian Mafia. Some 6,700 camorristi are believed to run the underworld activities of the city, from cigarette smuggling to dealing in arms and drugs. More than 7,000 police and paramilitary Carabinieri will be guarding delegates.

Maria Falcone, the sister of the murdered anti-Mafia judge, said the meeting was conceived by her brother. "The UN conference on crime is the achievement of a dream my brother did not have time to see come true. The idea was Giovanni's."

Signora Falcone said that there have been signs recently of the Mafia reviving in Sicily, including the destruction of a plaque to Judge Paolo Borsellino, her brother's friend and successor, who was also blown up in Palermo in 1992 together with five bodyguards. "This conference in Naples shows a very great sensibility of conscience, and in this way we can repress the Mafia," she said.

At the closing ceremony of the three-day conference on Wednesday, delegates will attend the unveiling of a new plaque in Naples dedicated to the memories of Falcone and Borsellino.

Signor Berlusconi came in for criticism earlier this year when he attacked the popular television series *La Piovra* (The Octopus) starring Michele Placido, which has been screened around the world, for supposedly portraying most Italians as mafiosi. The Prime Minister, accused by critics of using pro-Mafia candidates in Sicily to help his electoral victory in March, said that "only a few hundred" Italians were members of the secret society.

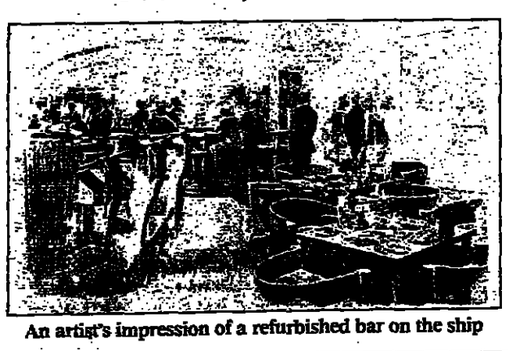
☐ **Anti-trafficking agenda:** The Naples conference will consider an international convention covering arms trafficking, video and music cassette piracy, illegal gambling, sexual slavery, illegal immigration, and corruption of public officials, together with international trafficking in nuclear materials, body parts, cars and endangered species.



Falcone: honoured by conference delegates

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New York collectors snap up cast-offs as ageing Queen heads for facelift



An artist's impression of a refurbished bar on the ship

BY BEN MACINTYRE

CUNARD is refurbishing the *QE2* and 1,500 pieces of furniture considered too old, battered or just plain ugly for the regal vessel are being sold off in Manhattan, where they have become instant collector's items.

The *QE2* collection of rejects includes marble coffee tables, deck equipment and chrome and leatherette chairs. On Tuesday the furniture arrived in Salvation Army thrift shops across the city, and by Friday all but a handful of items had been sold.

The craze for the *QE2*'s castoffs, as Bill Gordon, a Salvation Army salesman, admitted, has more to do with one-upmanship and a lingering anglophilia than mere taste. "Well, it ain't Louis XIV, is it?" Mr Gordon remarked, eyeing with evident distaste a dog-eared set of porridge-coloured chairs at $150 (£95) apiece.

The New York Times was equally scathing, describing a set of garish velour armchairs as "like rejects from a regional conventional hall". But that has not stood in the way of New Yorkers determined to create a corner of the sitting room that is for ever England.

Otho Kerr, a Manhattan businessman, was sorely tempted by the last remaining white wicker and plastic patio set upholstered in mauve tweed. The fact that there was nothing on the furniture to indicate it had ever adorned the monarch of the seas did not worry him one bit.

"People will believe it comes from the *QE2* because no one would think of choosing that colour of fabric themselves," Mr Kerr said as he prepared to fork out $299.99 for the trophies.

Cunard decided to "make a clean sweep" of the decor in the 963 ft liner in order to give the ship a "coherent design", according to Michael Smith, the *QE2*'s business group manager.

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Europe 'is creating an Islamic Bosnia'

FROM EVE-ANN PRENTICE IN SARAJEVO

PRESIDENT Izetbegovic of Bosnia has accused Europe of creating an Islamic state in Bosnia. As he spoke deep within his presidential headquarters in Sarajevo, workmen were still sweeping away the broken glass and rubble left when three 82mm shells slammed into the building.

In a rare interview, Mr Izetbegovic, 69, also spoke of his cool relations with President Tudjman of Croatia, his supposed ally, and about his military plans. Asked to reply to critics who claim he wants to impose an Islamic state in Bosnia, he said: "I would tell them they are either misinformed or malicious.

"I am striving for an integral Bosnia-Herzegovina, and an integral Bosnia, since it is multi-ethnic by definition, cannot be an Islamic state. That can only come from a partitioned Bosnia and some European governments are zealously working on partitioning Bosnia. Europe is creating an Islamic state in Bosnia."

The former federal Yugoslav regime twice jailed Mr Izetbegovic: once when he was 20 and accused of belonging to a group of Muslim plotters opposed to Tito, and again in 1983 when he was sentenced to 14 years for "propagating Islamic propaganda". He served more than five years of that sentence before being freed in 1988.

Today the Bosnian President is revered by many on his staff. Haris Silajdzic, the Prime Minister and one of those most likely to succeed him, went out of his way to express support for him.

Mr Izetbegovic, asked about his relations with Dr Tudjman, replied: "We are completely different persons. Our relations I can describe as cold politeness." This will be especially worrying for America, which earlier this year hammered together the Croat-Muslim alliance as the linchpin of its Balkan policy.

How is the government-Croat alliance faring? "If you are referring to the actual crisis around Bihac, the alliance is not functioning, since the Croats' hands are tied. They were promised a political solution in Krajina, i.e. UN protected areas, on condition they did not undertake any military action."

On his military strategy now, the President said: "Our strategy is to force, or convince, the Serbs to accept the peaceful solution offered to both us and them. As you know, we have accepted the Contact Group plan; they have rejected it. The war continues and they are to be blamed for it. The peace plan is on the table, but not indefinitely.

"If the Serbs decide to continue the war, our strategy is clear: to launch hundreds of small-scale attacks along the very long confrontation line and to force them to give up their genocide plan. We can do it since we have the manpower."

Then he added: "The war will continue until the Serbs give up their plan for the destruction of Bosnia and the extermination of the Bosnian people. They are the warlords. They have started the war and they can, if they want, stop it tomorrow."



Izetbegovic: "the Serbs could stop war now"

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Runners passing ruins in Vukovar, a Serb-held town in Croatia about 80 miles west of Belgrade, where a marathon was held at the weekend to celebrate the third anniversary of the fall of the town during the war between Croatia and the Serb-dominated Yugoslav national army

US ultimatum widens rift with Nato allies

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

IN THE early days of the Bosnian conflict, American and European officials at least sought to conceal their exasperation with each other. Today they scarcely bother. In background briefings, or at Washington's dinner tables, they openly engage in finger-pointing and recrimination as the strains tearing Nato apart become more evident.

November has been a particularly awful month for what was once the world's most cohesive military alliance, with the US signalling it no longer considers the alliance worth preserving at all costs. It has effectively warned the allies they have until the spring to end the conflict through diplomacy and sanctions, or America will pursue its own more drastic remedy of arming Bosnia's Muslims.

The month began with Britain, France and Russia blocking a US attempt to persuade the UN to lift its arms embargo against the Muslims. Abandoning the Contact Group's rule of public unity, Washington then leaked to *The New York Times* the news that it was ceasing to enforce the embargo. The allies were still protesting when the Administration presented Congress with plans for lifting the embargo unilaterally and for training and arming the Muslims. Indeed, several European newspapers reported that Washington was already covertly aiding the Muslims — reports that produced categoric US denials and angry charges that the British and French governments were engaged in "disinformation" campaigns.

Administration spokesmen insisted the plans were mandated by congressional legislation, but the underlying message was unmistakable. After the winter, when the Bosnian government asks for the embargo to be lifted, the Administration would no longer be able to resist congressional demands that it do so unilaterally. "The message to the allies is to use the six months even more aggressively to get a political settlement," a senior US official said. "If there's no settlement in six months, if there are no other signs of diplomatic progress, I can't see the new Congress backing away."

Bosnia was the first big test of whether the West could act collectively to prevent aggression and ethnic conflict in the post-Cold War world, but it has gone horribly wrong because of the fundamentally different approaches on each side of the Atlantic.

Viewed from Washington, the allies have been pusillanimous, seeking not to reverse Serb aggression but merely to contain the war. Even George Shultz, President Reagan's soft-spoken Secretary of State, has compared British and French leaders with Neville Chamberlain.

America has not, however, been prepared to commit ground troops, preferring the lower-cost, feel-good course of lifting an embargo that denies the Muslims the right to defend themselves. These radically different outlooks have driven a wedge ever deeper into the alliance. During the 1992 election Bill Clinton exploited US disquiet with President Bush's seemingly passive compliance with the European approach by demanding military intervention to prevent the "mass extermination" of a people.

Last week the Pentagon spelled out the grave consequences for Nato of America unilaterally lifting the embargo when it delivered its contingency plan to Congress. Thousands of US ground troops would have to be deployed in Bosnia to help evacuate allied peacekeeping forces. A big US air campaign would be required to protect the Muslims from pre-emptive Serb attacks, but the allies would be so furious they could well bar US planes from using Nato's European air bases.

A week today Mr Christopher will deliver an important speech on new US plans for expanding Nato eastwards, but it is no longer absurd to question whether there will still be an alliance worth expanding.

Growing firepower boosts Muslim morale

FROM ANTHONY LOYD IN BUGOJNO

THE Bosnian Serb positions appeared to ripple with the weight of fire directed upon them. Clouds of smoke and dust hung over the houses of Koscani, destroyed in previous fighting, as tanks, mortars, anti-aircraft guns and howitzers fired in unison to dislodge the defenders.

From his bunker in a hillside, a Bosnian government army observer smiled cheerfully as he looked through his captured Russian-made optics system and ordered on his field telephone an occasional adjustment to the firepower. "When the war started, we didn't even have enough bullets for our rifles," he said. "Now we don't have to worry about munitions. For every shell we fired at the Serbs they used to fire 50 back; but now we can really make them shut up."

While the fighting around Koscani appeared to be going well for the Muslim-led Bosnians as they push towards Gornji Vakuf, a mere 3¾ miles in the valley below, in western Bosnia the battle round Bihac between the Bosnian 5th Corps and advancing Serbs from Croatia and Bosnia, with rebel Muslims loyal to Fikret Abdic, told a different story.

Many in the United Nations Protection Force are relieved at the Bosnians' setbacks in Bihac. Viewing the Sarajevo army's gaining strength as a threat to the success of the five-nation Contact Group's plan to divide Bosnia-Herzegovina on a 49-51 per cent basis, the UN has consistently undermined the Bosnians' military credibility in the hope of weakening their resolve. A British UN spokesman said: "I can never envisage a time when the Bosnians will be able to defeat the Serbs." His sentiments have been echoed by many UN personnel.

But the reality is different. "Their command and control ability has improved ... giving them the ability to conduct operations on a larger scale," said a Canadian intelligence officer in Visoko.

Romanian orphans 'thrown into street'

FROM AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE IN GENEVA

CHILDREN at a Romanian orphanage have been maltreated and some have been evicted by the institution's new director, according to a French donor who tipped off the United Nations Children's Fund (Unicef), reports said yesterday.

Tran Dinh Thao, a physiotherapist with practices in France and Switzerland, accused the director of the orphanage at Abrud in Transylvania of beating some of the 115 children who opposed the departure of Maria Mihetiu, the former director.

Mr Tran said nine orphans aged about 15, who had never had another home, had been thrown into the street, where they were "living off the charity" of local people. He said the new unnamed director had the support of police and enjoyed political connections.

Marie Heuze, a Unicef spokeswoman, did not comment on the allegations, but said the fact that the orphans were apparently being put out when they reached adolescence was "not an isolated case". She added: "Unicef and the Romanian Education Ministry are worried and are working on a solution."

Over the past four years, Mr Tran has launched several projects to provide financial aid to the home.

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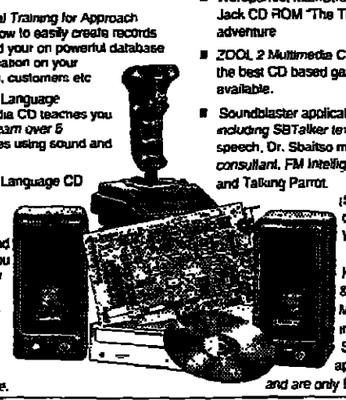


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Clinton's fitness to command defended by US military chief

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

GENERAL John Shalikashvili, chairman of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff, resorted to the extraordinary measure of telephoning reporters at the weekend to insist that he and his fellow chiefs had confidence in President Clinton.

The President flew home yesterday from a few days' rest in Hawaii to find his fitness to be America's commander-in-chief once again the subject of controversy. Jesse Helms, the ultra-conservative chairman-in-waiting of the Senate foreign relations committee, sparked the row by asserting during a television interview that not only he, but the US military itself, did not believe Mr Clinton was up to the job.

Already gravely weakened by the Republicans' sweeping victory in this month's congressional elections, the last thing Mr Clinton wanted, as he struggles to rebuild his authority, was renewed focus on his youthful evasion of the Vietnam draft and professed "loathing" of the military. Since taking office he has sought unsuccessfully to end the military's ban on homosexuals, reduced the defence budget, deployed troops in Haiti and Kuwait, and used American airpower against Iraq and the Bosnian Serbs.

On the other hand, even some conservatives felt Mr Helms may have gone too far and weakened his hand in what looks certain to be two years of confrontation with the President over foreign policy.

Mr Helms said he wanted US troops immediately withdrawn from Haiti, and rejected the idea of sending US troops to the Golan Heights to monitor a possible peace accord between Israel and Syria. He called the entire Middle East peace process a "fraud".

Newsweek magazine said that Mr Clinton had dropped plans to name Tom Foley, the defeated House Speaker, as Ambassador to China to avoid a protracted confirmation battle with Mr Helms.

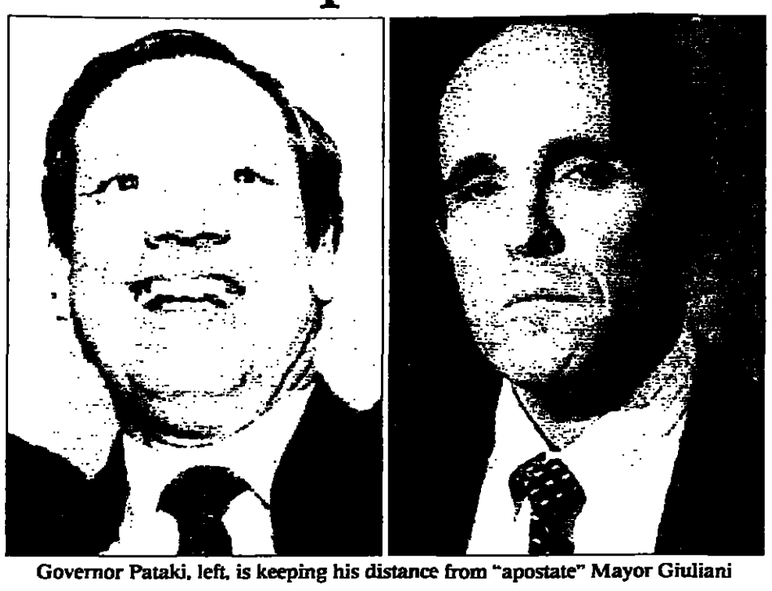
Asked if he believed Mr Clinton had proved himself capable of commanding the military, Mr Helms replied: "No, I do not. And neither do the people in the armed forces." That was the view of "every military man who writes to me", including the generals. Asked whether his correspondents included any members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Mr Helms answered: "No comment."

The White House has refused to respond to Mr Helms's comments on Mr Clinton. General Shalikashvili insisted that they did not reflect the military's views. He personally had always found Mr Clinton ready and able to listen, pose hard questions, master the issues and make tough decisions. "President Clinton is our commander-in-chief. He has, and will continue to have, the loyalty and full support of the Joint Chiefs of Staff," he said.

In a separate development, William Kennedy, the associate White House counsel and the third and last partner from Little Rock's Rose law firm who Hillary Clinton brought to Washington, left the White House at the weekend.

New York leaders pursue venomous feud

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK



Governor Pataki, left, is keeping his distance from "apostate" Mayor Giuliani

WHEN Rudolph Giuliani, the New York Mayor, crossed party lines by endorsing Democrat Mario Cuomo over fellow Republican George Pataki in the race for Governor, New Yorkers knew they were in for a spectacular row.

But for sheer venom and childishness, the resulting political feud has exceeded even their wildest expectations. On November 8, Mr Pataki swept to victory and a chastened Mr Giuliani placed a congratulatory telephone call. Mr Pataki refused to take the call, or return it. Mr Giuliani called again. Once more there was deafening and angry silence from Mr Pataki.

For nine days, the Governor-elect studiously ignored the Mayor, over the stab in the back, while citizens revelled in the sight of the two most powerful politicians in the state behaving like infants.

Last Thursday Mr Pataki cranked up the quarrel an extra notch by inviting Mr Giuliani to a meeting next week, but with nine other city officials in attendance.

Livid, Mr Giuliani insisted he deserved a private meeting and accused Mr Pataki of demeaning (or "dissing", in New York parlance) the office of Mayor. "He's trying to punish me by embarrassing me," Mr Giuliani thundered. Barely concealing his vengeful delight, Mr Pataki sniffed that he was in no hurry to get in touch with the Mayor anyway, so there. "When the need arises to discuss issues pertaining to the city, I expect we will," he remarked with a nonchalance designed to foster maximum irritation.

The spat has thrown into sharp relief the escalating breach between the city of New York and other areas of the state that feel the metropolis has for too long enjoyed a lion's share of resources. Mr Pataki assiduously wooed the suburbs and upstate areas during his campaign, prompting accusations that he is "alarmingly indifferent" to the needs of New York City.

Democrats have rallied around the Republican Mayor, attacking Mr Pataki as "petty", "ungracious" and "spiteful". Republicans, still sore from Mr Giuliani's apostasy, say the Mayor is getting his just deserts for an act of rank disloyalty.

"I'm not going to squish him," crowed Mr Pataki's principal ally and backer, Republican Senator Alfonse D'Amato. "He's going to squish himself."

New York has a long and honourable tradition of political feuding, the most famous being the row that erupted during the Governor's race in 1804. On that occasion the losing candidate, Aaron Burr, challenged his chief critic, Alexander Hamilton, to a duel and shot him dead.

But the Pataki-Giuliani squabble, which began as an amusing battle of egos, has become a severe embarrassment, diverting attention from the important business of governing city and state.

Finally, there was only one way out of the impasse. *The New York Times*, tongue firmly in cheek, called in Ann Landers, America's favourite agony aunt, and various other therapists to try to patch up the Republican rift.

Ms Landers was balanced in her advice: Mr Pataki should show "nobility of spirit", she urged, and Mr Giuliani should make amends "literally with your hat in hand".

New York psychotherapist Martine Byer, however, believed that the dispute has reached such a peak of immaturity that only playground philosophy would break the deadlock. "Rudy," she counselled, "if you share your lollipop with George now, maybe he'll share his ice cream with you another time."

Which is all very well, but since he controls part of the Mayor's budget Mr Pataki has all the ice cream, and shows no indication of wanting to share any of it.

Washington urges aid for Ukraine

Washington: The White House, preparing a red-carpet reception in Washington tomorrow for Leonid Kuchma, the new Ukrainian President, criticised its European allies for not doing more to bolster his risky economic reforms (Martin Fletcher writes).

Ukraine was suffering immense hardship and its parliament was still controlled by hardliners, a senior American official said. Mr Kuchma, walking an economic "tightrope", needed a safety net of international assistance.

Radio host out

Los Angeles: A radio talkshow host has left the airwaves after being accused of inciting last month's attack on the White House. Chuck Baker, the ultra-conservative host of a Colorado Springs phone-in programme, *On the Carpet*, gave up after being deluged with hate calls which were prompted by reports that the would-be presidential assassin claimed to have been influenced by him.

Kabul attack

Islamabad: Kabul radio said opponents of President Rabbani fired rockets on the Afghan capital, killing 12 people and wounding 15. The pro-Rabbani station said Gulbuddin Hekmatyar had ordered the attack. *(Reuter)*

Nigerian author flees to France

FROM AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE IN PARIS

WOLE Soyinka, the Nigerian Nobel laureate and outspoken critic of his country's military rulers, appeared in France yesterday having evaded a travel ban imposed by the Lagos authorities who seized his passport.

A French diplomatic source said the author was here to pick up a replacement for his United Nations safe-passage card, which was also taken from him. Mr Soyinka met Federico Mayor, Secretary-General of the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (Unesco).

The source said Mr Soyinka, who is a goodwill ambassador for Unesco, had travelled to France after obtaining a visa from the French Embassy in neighbouring Benin. It was not clear when he arrived in France or how long he would stay. The diplomatic source could not say whether Mr Soyinka was seeking asylum in France.

The Nigerian authorities confiscated his passport on September 22 and his UN safe-passage card on November 3, the day before he was to have taken part in a writers' conference in Strasbourg.

Mr Soyinka won the Nobel Prize for literature in 1986. The Nobel committee called him one of the masters of English-language writing in Africa.

Delhi lawyer's strip upsets legal niceties

FROM COOMI KAPOOR IN DELHI

DELHI's legal fraternity is asking whether a female lawyer is entitled to pose for a girlie magazine.

The Delhi Bar Association seems to feel that stripping is grounds enough for debarring Anjali Kapur, 24, a Delhi-based lawyer, whom *India Today* magazine had featured in an article on professional women who do not feel ashamed of modelling. The latest issue of *India Today* carried a picture of Ms Kapur in her lawyer's gown alongside another of her in little more than a G-string posing for the cover of *Fantasy* magazine. Fuming Delhi Bar Association executive members felt that she had lowered the dignity of the profession and demanded that she be debarred from the Delhi High Court.

The association's strictures had women's activist groups up in arms. Madhu Kishwar, editor of the feminist *Manushri* magazine, said: "The work of a professional body like the Delhi Bar Association is just to monitor the professional conduct of lawyers and not interfere in their personal lives."

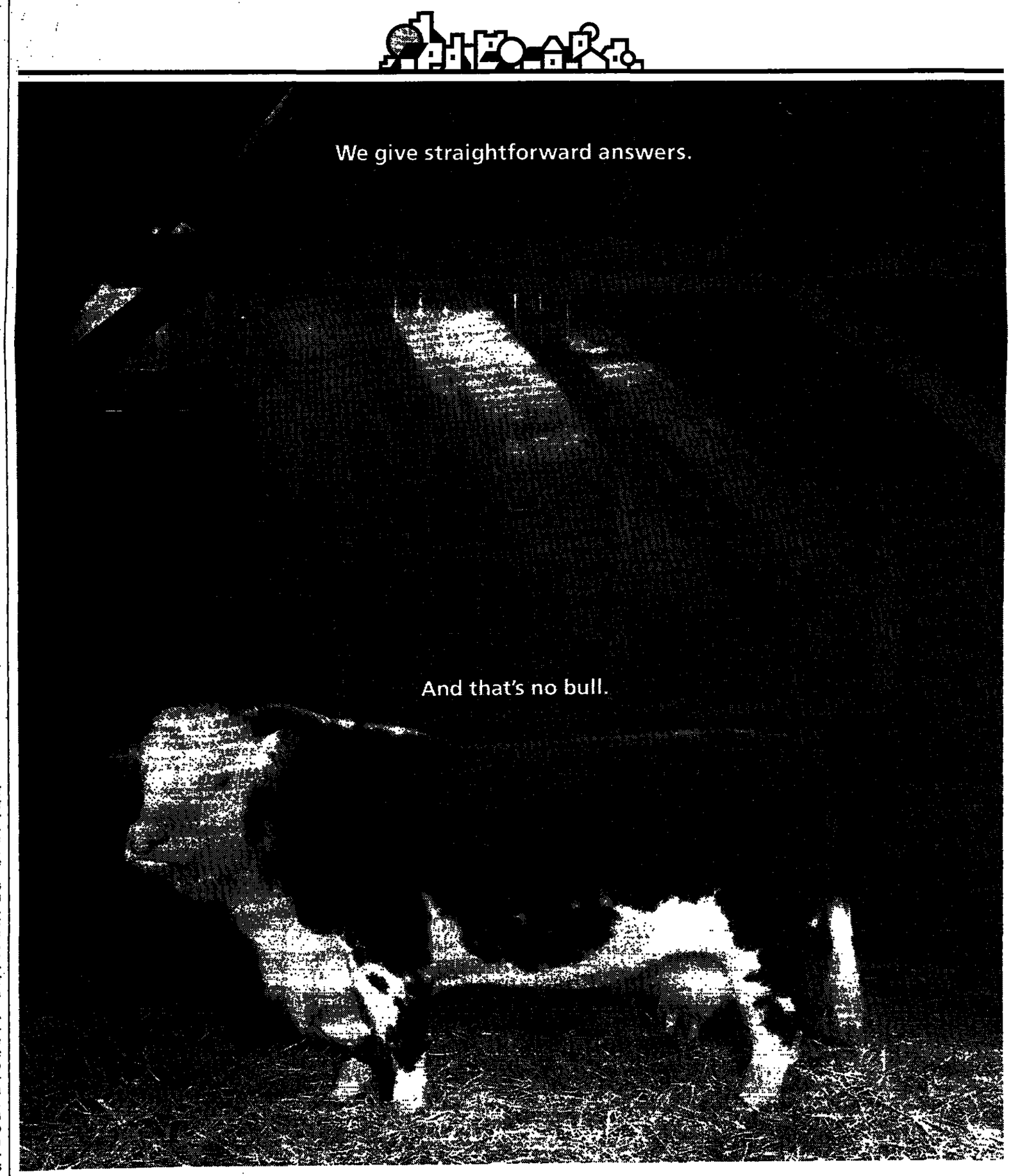
For three days the association sifted through its membership rolls to locate the truant lawyer in order to take action against her, only to discover that she was enrolled not in Delhi but with the Punjab High Court. Jasbir Singh, the chairman of the Bar Council of Punjab and Haryana, adopted a more tolerant attitude, remarking that he doubted Ms Kapur had violated any provisions of the Advocates Act.

But while she may not have violated the Advocates Act by posing in the semi-nude, she has if she accepted payment. Under the act, a lawyer cannot undertake any other job for monetary gain.

Flustered by the hue and cry, Ms Kapur, who is working as a law officer in a private firm, said she would "give a befitting reply to the lawyers at the right time".



Anjali Kapur gracing the cover of *Fantasy*



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FIRST NIGHT: Wednesday
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Pride reborn in the inner cities

An Arts Council competition, to be decided this week, has ignited an architectural renaissance in Edinburgh, Glasgow and Liverpool, as Marcus Binney observes

There has never been a civic beauty contest like it. Edinburgh, Glasgow and Liverpool might be competing to host the Olympics rather than merely a year of architecture and design.

When the judges arrived in Liverpool, for instance, they found that the entire city had been cleaned overnight. Huge welcome banners hung from every hoarding. The mighty organ in St George's Hall rang out in support of the city's massed school choirs.

In Edinburgh, police outriders and helicopters provided a tour of the city fit for a crowned head of state. And in Glasgow, two young architects who had spent their all restoring their first-floor flat in a Victorian Lord Provost's house found themselves giving judges and civic dignitaries a candlelit dinner of ambassadorial splendour.

Each of the three cities has clearly spent more in preparing and promoting its bid to be *City of Architecture and Design in 1999* than the £400,000 prize money on offer from the Arts Council. The decision will be announced on Wednesday evening at the Royal Academy by Sir Richard Rogers. Indeed, the passion to win completely outstrips the Arts Council's earlier years of drama and music.

> The contest has already captured the civic and popular imagination

It has captured the civic and popular imagination, not simply because architecture is the touchstone to investment, but because all three cities have flourishing university schools of architecture. Glasgow has 1,000 architects. Edinburgh an extraordinary 1,200.

Yet in one sense the competition could be considered won before it even started. *Edinburgh is the one* British city which — for the sheer beauty, quality and harmony of its architecture — can be ranked with Venice or Prague. What it lacks in colour is made up by its picturesque setting. And in the 1960s and 1970s Edinburgh suffered far less than Glasgow, Liverpool or even Bath from the indiscriminate use of the bulldozer, though it has its share of monstrous carbuncles, notably the despised St James's Centre.

Today it is a city alive with improvement, and the quality of new designs increasingly matches the old. The newly-opened Festival *Theatre, by Colin Ross, achieves the* unthinkable: elegantly introducing an all-glass front into a traditional Edinburgh stone street. At night it is a brilliantly lit stage-set, alive with the cast of hundreds as the audience spills down the spacious stairs.

Edinburgh is sometimes said to be cold and dour, but a positively *impish side is seen in David Mach's* astonishing Temple of Tyre, unveiled last week. This is a "classical" temple made of 8,000 discarded tyres, poised on a crag of giant containers as dramatically as any of the monuments on Calton Hill.

After years of decline, Leith's decaying warehouses and docks have sprung back as a fashionable quarter of wine bars and studio apartments. The new £38 million Scottish Office, right on the waterfront, is an impressive composition with a remarkable crown of glass atriums providing natural ventilation *throughout the building.*

Moreover, Edinburgh is relaying the whole of the Royal Mile in square stone cobbles and great slabs of Caithness granite solid enough to last a thousand years and setting an example to every city in Britain. On the other side of the castle the great circular drum of Terry Farrell's conference centre is already a spectacular landmark and below it Saltire Court shows how a spec office block can be *designed with wit* and panache as well as a sense of context.

Glasgow's transformation has been trumpeted through the Garden Festival and its year as European City of Culture. But *this is an* achievement in depth. The city's entire stock of four-*storey Victorian* tenement blocks has been refurbished — some 20,000 apartments. Now housing associations are moving into new building, setting a model in tenant participation. Understandably, after the disasters of the tower blocks, tenants demand traditional construction, but the new housing is not all folksy vernacular.

Part of the glory of Victorian Glasgow is the sheer wealth of *carved ornament and sculpture.* Architects Page & Park have set themselves the task of bringing it back in a modern idiom. Their Italian Centre next to the city chambers is a fountain and sculpture court, full of outdoor cafés, sheltered from the icy winds that blast round Glasgow street corners and overlooked by as many balconies as a piazza in Naples.

Their latest building at 178 Ingram Street is transformed by green bronze window surrounds and shutters specially commissioned from local artists. David Park says: "This is a case where the client gave us not 1 but 8 per cent for art."

Glasgow also has its very own Terence Conran: Kenneth McCulloch, who has brought style to the city with a series of smart restaurants and townhouse hotels. The latest is Mal Maison, artfully contrived in the long-redundant church of St Jude's.

Liverpool's greatest achievement remains its least sung. This is the patient restoration of street after street of handsome redbrick Georgian houses around the university and cathedral. In the Albert Dock, the Tate of the North has achieved three times the number of visitors originally forecast and is poised to expand. To the south, acres of empty wards are being repopulated. *Barretts has sensitively restored the* burnt-out shell of the Waterloo warehouse as apartments. And long ranges of dock transit sheds that most development corporations would have swept away have been refurbished and are now full with small businesses. Last week the Merseyside Development Corporation completed a new water sports *centre in the city's old docks.* The most ambitious piece of new architecture is the new library by Austin-Smith Lord at John Moores University. It is as elegant an example of the new white modernism as you might find in Paris. Even at 6.30 in the evening it is still packed with students.

Judged by its success with either conservation or new building, the commitment of each of the three cities to architecture over the next *five years is formidable. Liverpool* has a staggering offer of £630 million from Europe. Glasgow promises to spend £3 billion, half of it private-sector investment.

Edinburgh proposes to transform the huge Royal Infirmary into a new residential quarter which could be the model for hospital conversion in Britain. There are also plans to extend the New Town following the original Georgian plan over derelict land to the east. Glasgow has plans for a sleek steel revolving "Tower of the Winds" by Richard Horden, to celebrate the millennium. Liverpool plans a national museum for sport.

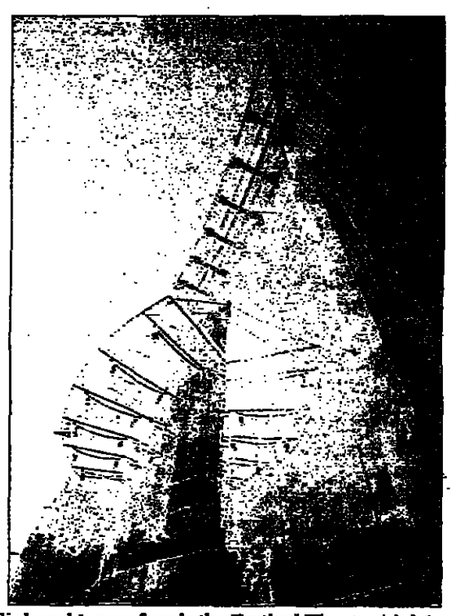
In a sense the race is not yet run. The Arts Council's mite has helped to stimulate more genuine practical commitment to inner-city regeneration, in terms of housing, jobs and improvements to open spaces, than many of the multimillion-pound government programmes over the past quarter century. In trying to award the apple now, the Arts Council faces exactly the same impossible dilemma as Paris did on Mount Olympus. Edinburgh is the most beautiful city, Glasgow has the most firepower, and Liverpool is the most deserving.

The solution is simple. Roll the whole competition forward until 1999. Let us have the excitement of the three cities continuing to compete in the sure knowledge that whoever wins the gold, there will be a silver and bronze as well.



The new, elegantly modernist Liverpool: Austin-Smith Lord's Aldham Robert Learning Resource Centre at John Moores University





Spruced-up Glasgow at 178 Ingram Street (left); Edinburgh's new face is the Festival Theatre (right)

OVERTURES

Wilde about the boy

BRITISH director **Nicholas Hytner**, whose film of **Alan Bennett's** *The Madness of George III* opens in America next month, is being considered as director of one of Hollywood's more intriguing new projects: **David Hare's** screenplay of *Oscar Wilde*, which will be produced by Mike Nichols. Who will play the foppish aesthete? No less manly a pair than **Liam Neeson** and **Hugh Grant** have been mentioned.

Meanwhile, **Hare's** *Racing Demon* finishes at the National tomorrow after four and a half years in and out of the repertoire. But the playwright's work will not be absent from London for long. He is writing an adaptation of *Mother Courage* for the National, and he has a new original play, *Temple Fortune, doing the rounds at the* same theatre with an eye towards production next year.

● THE all-girl R'n'B group **Eternal** seem assured of being judged the highest-selling new UK act of the year. The south Londoners' debut album *Always And Forever* is expected to have topped 800,000 sales by the end of December. After similarly strong chart performances by **M People** and **Dina Carroll**, this emphasises the fast-growing market for home-grown black pop.

● WELCOME back, **Louis Armstrong**. Surprise hit of the pre-Christmas season is his "We Have All The Time In The World", originally played as that short-lived 007, George Lazenby, celebrated his even shorter-lived marriage to Diana Rigg in the 1969 Bond movie *On Her Majesty's Secret Service*. It failed to make the charts then, but its use in the current TV campaign for Guinness has shot Satchmo back into the Top Ten, 26 years after his No 1, "What A Wonderful World".

● PLAYING Gertrude opposite Ralph Fiennes's Hamlet in the Almeida Theatre production opening in February will be **Francesca Annis**, confounding speculation that Diana Rigg might do it. The staging opens at the Hackney Empire before transferring to Broadway in May.

● THE "artist who was formerly known as Prince" finally sees his much-bootlegged *Black Album* released by WEA today, seven years after it was recorded. Rumoured to have been withdrawn because of second thoughts about its sexual lyrics, it will be on sale for just ten weeks.

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Black humour, puppets, and a kidnapped Santa: all good ghoulish fun in *The Nightmare before Christmas*

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A bumper selection of newly published books reviewed in *The Times*'s special pre-Christmas guide

IN THE SHOPS: Soon
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ARTS
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Surfeit of piggery jokery

Gloria
Huddersfield Festival

The time has come, it must be said, to declare that pigs do not have wings. The composer and the librettist, H.K. Gruber and Rudolf Herfurtner, have tested the possibility at some length, but *Gloria — a pigtale* never comes anywhere near taking flight. The project originated in Munich, where pork-sausage jokes are more eagerly consumed, but for a joint production with Opera North and a Contemporary Music Network tour Helmut Danninger's staging is heavy-handedly inappropriate.

For the Huddersfield Contemporary Music Festival, which has to be free to make mistakes with its commissions and first performances, it is just one of those things that the new Lawrence Batley Theatre (most attractively converted from a late-Georgian chapel) will have to get used to. However silly the libretto — about an exceptionally pretty pig who is rejected by her companions but who is eventually united with a bold and handsome boar — there was every reason to believe that the composer of *Frankenstein!!* would save its bacon with, at the very least, entertaining music.

It might have been wise, however, after commissioning from Amanda Holden an English translation which removes the setting from the German Alps to the Yorkshire Pennines, to secure a British version of the production too. As for the Bavarian sense of humour, one almost wept to see such quantities of ham.

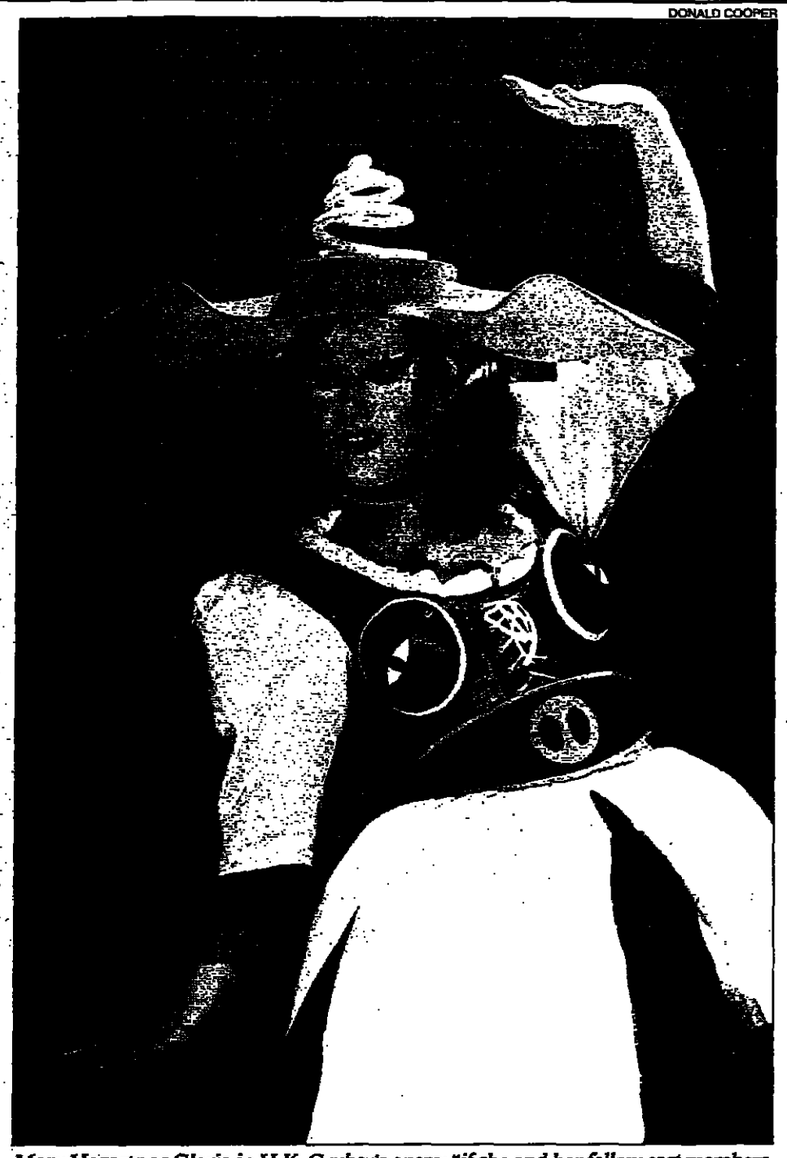
The basic problem is that Gruber's music — scored for jazz-band wind and percussion with violin and harp — is uniformly uninspired. All the popular ingredients are there except the tunes.

If it is an uphill struggle for the young conductor, Stefan Asbury, it must be a heart-breaking experience for the five Opera North principals in their pig's ears and shiny PVC shorts. Sharing thirty or so roles between them, as well as shifting Marc Degeller's cut-out cartoon sets, they are called upon to do more squealing than singing but also to participate from time to time in some excessively awkward contrapuntal ensembles.

Headed by the brave Mary Hegarty as Gloria and John Hall as her hero Rodrigo, if they are not vegetarians already, they will surely be converted before the tour reaches the South Bank on December 8.

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Mary Hegarty as Gloria in H.K. Gruber's opera: "if she and her fellow cast members are not vegetarians already, they will surely be converted before the tour ends"

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
□ Seats at all prices

◪ **THE EDITING PROCESS:** Stephen Daldry directs Alan Howard and Prunella Scales in Meredith Oakes's thinnish comedy about publishing malpractices **Royal Court**, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 3.30pm. Until Dec 3.

□ **HAMLET** Peter Hall directs Stephen Dillane's darkly humorous, self-dissecting Prince, backed by excellent playing from Michael Pennington, Donald Sinden and Alan Dobie **Gielgud**, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065) Mon-Sat, 7.15pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 2pm ◪

◪ **THE MASTER BUILDER** Brian Cox's strong and surging performance in late Ibsen, fearful of being overtaken, obsessed with the young and vital. Set Neal. John Crowley directs. **Riverside Studio 1**, Crisp Road, Hammersmith, W6 (081-741 2255). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm. ◪

■ **MY NIGHT WITH REG.** John Sessions, David Bamber and Joe Duttine among the cast of six in Kevin Elyot's excellent comedy with a dark edge. Roger Michell's production, transferred from the Royal Court. Six men caught up in the deceptions and pain of contemporary London life **Criterion**, Piccadilly Circus, W1 (071-839 4488). Opens tonight, 7pm. Then Mon-Tue, Thurs-Sat, 8pm, Wed, 6.30pm and 9.15pm; mat Sat, 4pm. ◪

■ **OLIVER!** Lavish Cameron Mackintosh revival of the Bart musical Jonathan Pryce plays Fagin, Sam Mendes directs. Returns only until Jan 9 **Palladium**, Argyll St, W1 (071-494 5020). Now previewing, 7.30pm Opens Dec 8, 7pm ◪

□ **OUT OF THE BLUE** A sung-through musical drama, composed by Shun Ichi-Tokura with libretto by Paul Sand David Gilmore directs the love story set in Japan during the Second World War **Shaftesbury**, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399) Now previewing, 7.45pm; opens Nov 23, 7pm. ◪

◪ **A PASSIONATE WOMAN:** Ned Sherrin directs Stephanie Cole in Kay Mellor's entertaining, though lightweight comedy, who'd rather sit on the roof and dream than attend her son's wedding. **Comedy**, Panton Street, SW1 (071-369 1731) Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed, 3pm and Sat, 4pm

□ **THE QUEEN AND I** Sue Townsend's satiric romp follows the deposed royals as they struggle to survive on a council estate. Paula Wilcox plays a sensible and genial Queen, not as subversive as one might expect Max Stafford Clark directs. **Vaudeville**, The Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

□ **RACING DEMON.** David Hare's compulsive drama of the Anglican Church returns, again. Richard Eyre directs, with Oliver Ford Davies **National** (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, 7.15pm. Tomorrow, 2pm and 7.15pm. Final performances. ◪

◪ **SIR MARTIN MAR-ALL.** Dryden's comedy, seen by the enthusiastic Pepys over 20 times, but unseen by anyone else for the past 200 years. The Magnificent Theatre Company disinters the story of the confident but daft knight who turns courtship into calamity. **Lilian Baylis**, Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, EC1 (071-278 8916). Previews tonight, 7.45pm, opens tomorrow ◪

■ **STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN.** Musical by Tom Morgan and Kevin Mechlear based on the film *A Matter of Life and Death*. Dan Crawford directs. Will he try to get that great escalator onto the stage? **King's Head**, Upper Street, N1 (071-226 1916) Opens tonight, 7.30pm. Then Tue-Sat, 8pm, mats Sat and Sun, 3.30pm Until Dec 18 ◪

□ **THE SISTERS ROSENSWEIG** Wendy Wasserstein's cosy tears 'n' laughter drama Three sisters (Maureen Lipman, Janet Suzman and Linda Bellingham) seek happiness. **Old Vic**, Waterloo Rd, SE1 (071-928 7616) Mon-Fri, 7.45pm; Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm and Sat, 4pm.

■ **THREE TALL WOMEN:** Maggie Smith, Frances de la Tour and Anastasia Hille are a cast fit for the gods as the women who haunted the childhood of Edward Albee. His Pulitzer Prizewinner, directed by Anthony Page **Wyndham's**, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-369 1736). Mon-Sat, 8pm: mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

LONG RUNNERS

□ **Arcadia** Haymarket (071-930 8800) □ **Beautiful Thing** Duke of York's (071-836 5122) . ■ **Blood Brothers** Phoenix (071-867 1044) . □ **Buddy** Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) . . ◪ **Cats.** New London (071-405 0072) . . □ **Copacabana.** Prince of Wales (071-839 5972) . □ **Crazy for You.** Prince Edward (071-734 8951) □ **Don't Dress for Dinner** Duchess (071-494 5070) □ **Five Guys Named Moe.** Lyric (071-494 5045) **Grease** closed until Dec 5 . . . ◪ **An Inspector Calls:** Aldwych (071-836 6404) . . □ **Lady Windermere's Fan:** Albery (071-867 1115) . . . ◪ **Les Misérables:** Palace (071-434 0909) ◪ **Miss Saigon:** Theatre Royal (071-494 5400) . . . □ **The Mousetrap** St Martin's (071-836 1443) □ **Neville's Island** Apollo (071-494 5070) □ **Once on This Island.** Island (Royalty). (071-494 5090) ■ **The Phantom of the Opera** Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) □ **She Loves Me** Savoy (071-836 8888) □ **Starlight Express** Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) . . ◪ **Sunset Boulevard** Adelphi (071-344 0055) . . □ **The Woman in Black** Fortune (071-836 2238)

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NEW RELEASES

◆ **AIRHEADS** (15). Anarchic, good-natured rock 'n' roll comedy, with Steve Buscemi, Adam Sandler, Brendan Fraser and Joe Mantegna. **MGMs: Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** ◪ (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332)

CLEAN, SHAVEN: Clever but gruelling exploration of schizophrenia from first-time director Lodge Kerrigan **ICA** ◪ (071-930 3647)

FINAL COMBINATION (18): Inept thriller about an LA psychopath, with Michael Madsen, Lisa Bonet and Gary Stretch. Director, Nigel Dick **MGM Panton Street** (071-930 0631)

◆ **I LOVE TROUBLE** (PG): Charles Shyer's romantic comedy thriller that fails to match its vintage Hollywood models. With Julia Roberts, Nick Nolte **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332)

MY FAIR LADY (U) Resplendent restored print of the 1964 musical, with Rex Harrison, Audrey Hepburn, very familiar tunes and Edwardian finery galore Directed by George Cukor. **MGM Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279)

SECOND BEST (12): Absorbing, low-key tale of two damaged lives healing, with William Hurt as the Welsh postmaster eager to adopt a difficult boy Director, Chris Menges **MGM Fulham Road** ◪ (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** ◪ (071-434 0031) **Warner** ◪ (071-437 4343)

◆ **THE SHADOW** (12): Laboured adventures of the 1930s crimefighter, with Alec Baldwin, John Lone and Penelope Ann Miller. Director, Russell Mulcahy. **MGM Fulham Road** ◪ (071-370 2636) **Plaza** (0800 888997) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (792 3332) **Warner** ◪ (437 4343)

CURRENT

CLEAR AND PRESENT DANGER (12): Harrison Ford fights Government duplicity and Colombia's drug cartels. The best Jack Ryan adventure so far.

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

Empire (0800 888911) **MGM Trocadero** ◪ (071-434 0031)

◆ **THE CLIENT** (15): Mediocre version of John Grisham's thriller about a boy in jeopardy, with Susan Sarandon, Tommy Lee Jones and Brad Renfro Director, Joel Schumacher. **MGMs: Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** ◪ (071-434 0031) **Screen/Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332) **Warner** ◪ (071-437 4343)

DREAM LOVER (18): James Spader discovers that Mädchen Amick, his new wife, is not all that she appears to be. Cool, over-stylised psychological thriller from screenwriter-turned-director Nicholas Kazan **MGM Panton Street** (071-930 0631)

FLESH AND BONE (15). Lugubrious tale of blighted Texan lives from Fabulous Baker Boys director Steve Kloves. With Dennis Quaid, Meg Ryan and James Caan. **MGM Trocadero** ◪ (071-434 0031)

◆ **FORREST GUMP** (12): Endearing if indulgent odyssey through post-war America, ideal for baby boomers With Tom Hanks. Director, Robert Zemeckis. **Empire** ◪ (0800 888911) **MGMs: Baker St** (071-935 9772) **Fulham Rd** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** ◪ (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332)

◆ **IT COULD HAPPEN TO YOU** (PG): Bland comedy about a winning lottery ticket, with Nicolas Cage, Bridget Fonda and Rosie Perez. **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332) **Warner** ◪ (071-437 4343)

◆ **THE LION KING** (U): Alrican lion cub almost loses his father's throne. Much hyped but charmless Disney cartoon, not meant for tiny tots

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◆ **MARY SHELLEY'S FRANKENSTEIN** (15). Unwieldy, overlong, unenjoyable slog through the famous story. Kenneth Branagh directs and stars with Robert De Niro and Helena Bonham Carter. **Barbican** ◪ (071-638 8891) **MGMs: Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Notting Hill Coronet** ◪ (071-727 6705) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426-915 883) **Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Phoenix** (081-883 2233) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332)

SIRENS (15): Oxford curate and his wife mingle with Australia's bohemians. Joyful, luscious romp, with Hugh Grant, Tara Fitzgerald and Elle MacPherson Directed by John Duigan **Odeon Mezzanine** ◪ (0426 915683)

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Time for a change

THEATRE: **Jeremy Kingston** meets an award-winning dramatist who refuses to let his work be pigeon-holed

Within days of the opening of *My Night With Reg*, at the Theatre Upstairs last April, tickets were in such demand that on several evenings Kevin Elyot was unable to sit and watch his own play. This must be the defining fact for a smash hit.

Of course the auditorium on the Royal Court's top floor seats only 80, but a West End transfer was inevitable as soon as the cast of six, which includes David Bamber and John Sessions, could be re-assembled. Tonight Roger Michell's production opens at the Criterion, which can accommodate at each performance more than the Theatre Upstairs can fit in during a week.

Elyot became stagestruck through school visits to Stratford during its succession of peak years around 1970. He began as an actor, and 12 years ago received the Samuel Beckett Award for his first play, *Coming Clean*, at the Bush.

This might also have transferred to the West End if its theme, gay men adapting to a time of sexual plenty, had not coincided with the arrival of Aids. Alan Hollinghurst's novel *The Swimming Pool Library*, which Elyot has just finished adapting for the BBC, is set in that far-off time, described by its narrator as "the last summer of its kind there was ever to be".

The men in *My Night* know all about Aids, even though the word never has to be mentioned in connection with the death of friends. One of the many strengths of this witty, wise play is its portrait of a time in which sudden deaths have been absorbed as a fact of life, and life goes on.

Inevitably it has been classed in some quarters as a gay play, which is not how Elyot sees it. "Yes, the characters are gay but I didn't set out to write A Gay Play, whatever that is. I wanted to write one that would do something interesting with time, moving forward but at the same time backward, so that there are things we don't understand at first but only when something else has been said.

"Where at first we think the action is continuous, right through the same evening and night, with the rain falling on the conservatory, and only when we're into the scene a little do we realise some years have gone by.

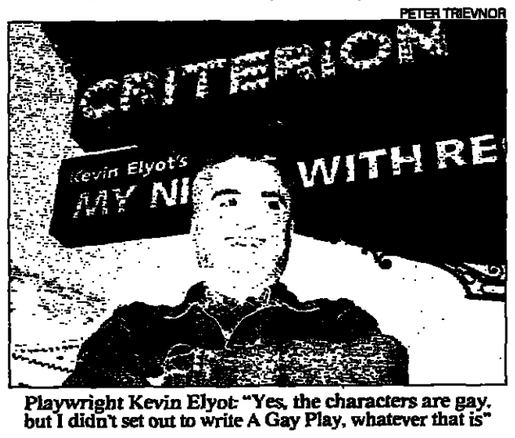
"The fact that the characters are gay doesn't somehow put it into that category and no other. I see it as about people's attempts to impose some sort of order on things. The first scene ends with everyone believing they have established a kind of stability in their lives, but the start of the second scene shows how absurd those beliefs were. And the same happens again at the end of that scene.

"The character of Eric, played by Joe Duttine, who is painting the conservatory at the start of the play, so that for a long time we don't even see his face — he ends up teaching the older men that they have to take some responsibility for what is around them.

"I think of him as a sort of Natasha figure from *The Three Sisters*, who starts off very shy and nervous and ends up telling people what to do. Without being so horrible, of course. It's a play about changes and 'gay play' just doesn't say enough. Doesn't say what's really there in it."

● My Night With Reg *opens tonight at the Criterion Theatre (071-839 4488)*

PETER TREVNOR



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Winning ways of a pioneer

Jimmy Smith
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"THE godfather of soul-jazz", "the patron saint of a good time" — or simply "the master" or "the cat": Hammond organ pioneer James Oscar (Jimmy) Smith has been called all these things in the course of his 40-year career of "squeezing the beast in the box", and it takes but a few minutes' exposure to his live sound to understand why.

Like any artistic endeavour with truly enduring appeal, be it *Coronation Street* or the final farewell concert of Frank Sinatra, Smith's act has changed little over the years; he has found a winning formula, and he's sticking to it — after all, if it ain't broke, why fix it?

On the opening gig of this 14-date tour which will take him all over England and to Northern Ireland, and which concludes with three concerts in Paris, Smith, backed by Terry Evans (guitar), Herman Riley (saxophones and flute) and drummer Jimmy Johnson, made his intentions clear from the off.

He knew exactly what his audience wanted, and he was going to give it to them. Thus, in a lengthy single set delivered to a heaving Hammersmith Palais, he stuck mainly to what he does best: finding as many ways round the basic blues as possible.

There were "bad, funky blues", slow blues with heavy backbeats, blues shuffles, declamatory gospelly blues — all these and more Smith pumped out for nearly two hours to a wildly appreciative crowd.

In jazz history, Smith will no doubt go down as the man who — in much the same way that Coleman Hawkins did for the saxophone — defined an approach and worked out a vocabulary within the music for the Hammond B-3 by bringing bop's quicksilver lines and precise articulation at breakneck tempos to an instrument that hitherto had been used chiefly to provide big-band-type chording.

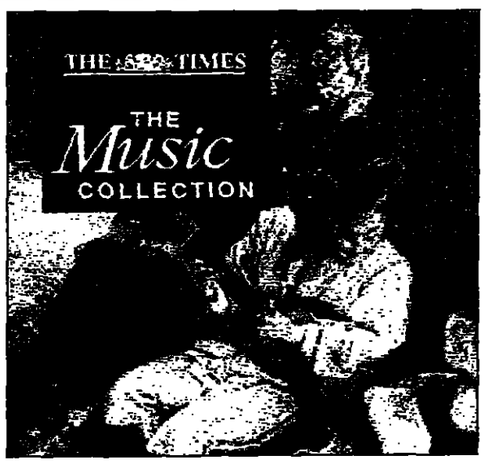
But such considerations do little to convey the visceral impact of his live sound. Smith's music is aimed at the body rather than the brain, and it seldom misses, his swirling solos building inevitably to howling climaxes courtesy of every trick in a book he largely wrote: single notes teasingly repeated, sudden slices of manic musical wit, punched out phrases tellingly interspersed with long-held chords, all underpinned by his surprisingly deft, even delicate work on his bass foot-pedals.

Although Smith will never win prizes for subtlety or artistic exploration — Hammond enthusiasts requiring these qualities should go to Barbara Dennerlein — and despite the fact that his band's understandable enthusiasm occasionally overpowered their considerable musicianship, he is undoubtedly one of the very few living jazz musicians who both deserves and consistently lives up to his billing as a legend. The cat is indeed back.

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Burning issue of dioxins



NEW research by the Energy Technology Support Unit (ETSU) at Harwell, Oxfordshire, suggests that government guidelines for the incineration of waste may be wrong. Increasing the temperature of the furnace to reduce production of dioxins — alleged by some to be the deadliest pollutants of all — does not make any difference.

The dioxin issue is causing furrowed brows in local authorities up and down the country. Burning municipal waste has the approval of the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution and was expected to grow rapidly. The official view has been that dioxins are not really as deadly as they have been painted and that the amounts produced in incinerators (the main source) can be minimised by ensuring high combustion temperatures.

In September, the US Environmental Protection Agency issued a report claiming that dioxins cause cancer and could have adverse effects on development, reproduction and the immune system at levels close to those to which the public is already exposed.



SCIENCE BRIEFING

Nigel Hawkes

The ETSU study, published in *Chemosphere*, looked at smaller incinerators burning a variety of fuels and wastes under a range of conditions. Clinical waste, refuse and tyres produced the highest levels of dioxins, while sewage sludge and wood produced the least.

But little evidence was found to show that combustion temperatures of more than 850C, recommended by the environment department, reduced dioxin levels.

More baffling still, the researchers found that the same boiler could produce very different levels of dioxins at different times, even if the operating conditions were identical. One incinerator burning refuse-derived fuel was tested twice, with a six-month gap. Large differences in dioxin levels were found. Deposits on the incinerator could be the reason, the researchers conclude.

Just how dangerous dioxins really are remains disputed. Recent studies of people exposed to dioxins after the chemical plant accident at Seveso, in Italy, in 1976, have shown an unusually high level of some rare cancers. And workers at the German chemical company BASF exposed in 1953 have shown increases in fatal cancers and in common infections.

These were big exposures, far greater than anything to which the public might be exposed. And new emission standards due to come into force in Europe by 1996 will cut dioxin output by forcing older incinerators to be modernised or closed down. But there are enough uncertainties to keep the argument going for a long time.

First gasp

WHO discovered oxygen? Easy question — that was Joseph Priestley and Antoine Lavoiser, in the 1770s. But now a chemistry teacher from Highgate School, London, has suggested that these two were at least 150 years late.

Dr Zbigniew Szydlo starts from one of the most extraordinary events ever witnessed on the Thames. In 1621, a Dutch inventor and alchemist, Cornelius Drebbel, sailed a wooden submarine from Westminster to Greenwich, observed by King James I, his court, and thousands of Londoners. It stayed under water for three hours: so how did Drebbel keep his 12-man crew alive?

Dr Szydlo argues in a new book that Drebbel refreshed the air in his submarine with oxygen, using a method invented by a Polish alchemist, Michael Sendivogius, who was born in 1566 and died in 1636.

Sendivogius believed that saltpetre (potassium nitrate) was one of the keys to life. After taking a fresh look at his work, Dr Szydlo believes that Sendivogius discovered that when saltpetre is heated, it gives off what he described as a "secret food of life which is concealed in air" — oxygen, to the later chemists.

Is he right? The trouble with both Sendivogius and Drebbel is that they were secretive men who wrote in cryptic language, so teasing out their meaning is difficult. But Dr Szydlo argues the case persuasively and seems to have half persuaded Lord Porter, who contributes a forward to his book.

● Water Which Does Not Wet Hands *by Zbigniew Szydlo, White Eagle Publications, 24 Broadlands Road, London N6 4AG (£14.95.)*

Spud news



POTATOES that have been badly handled during harvesting often develop brown patches. Oddly enough, the chemicals responsible are melanins, distantly related to the pigments that sunbathers go to such trouble to produce in the search for a glowing tan.

Melanins in potatoes and in other fruit and vegetables are a nuisance, responsible for a lot of waste. They are produced by an enzyme, polyphenol oxidase, and can be controlled by the use of sulphites. But recently doubt has been cast on the safety of sulphites; the US Food and Drug Administration has removed approval for several of them and is reviewing the safety of others.

Now a team from The Netherlands reports in *Biotechnology* that it has used genetic engineering to prevent browning in potatoes. The gene responsible for producing the enzyme has been isolated, turned round, and reintroduced into the potato as an "antisense" gene. This means, in effect, that the instruction by the gene to produce the enzyme is cancelled out by the antisense gene.

The result is a variety of potato that does not bruise, according to Dr Christian Bachem, of Keygene, a Dutch biotechnology company, and colleagues. There seemed to be no harmful side-effects, and the technique, they say, "opens the possibility of preventing enzymatic browning in a wide variety of food crops without resorting to treatments such as heating or the application of antioxidants".

From the consumers' perspective, the technique has the advantage that it involves no foreign gene but simply an edited version of the plant's own gene. That is likely to make fruit and vegetables treated in this way more acceptable to those who see genetically engineered food as a threat.

How do you patent a molecule?

The line between invention and discovery is minute, says

Hugh Aldersey-Williams

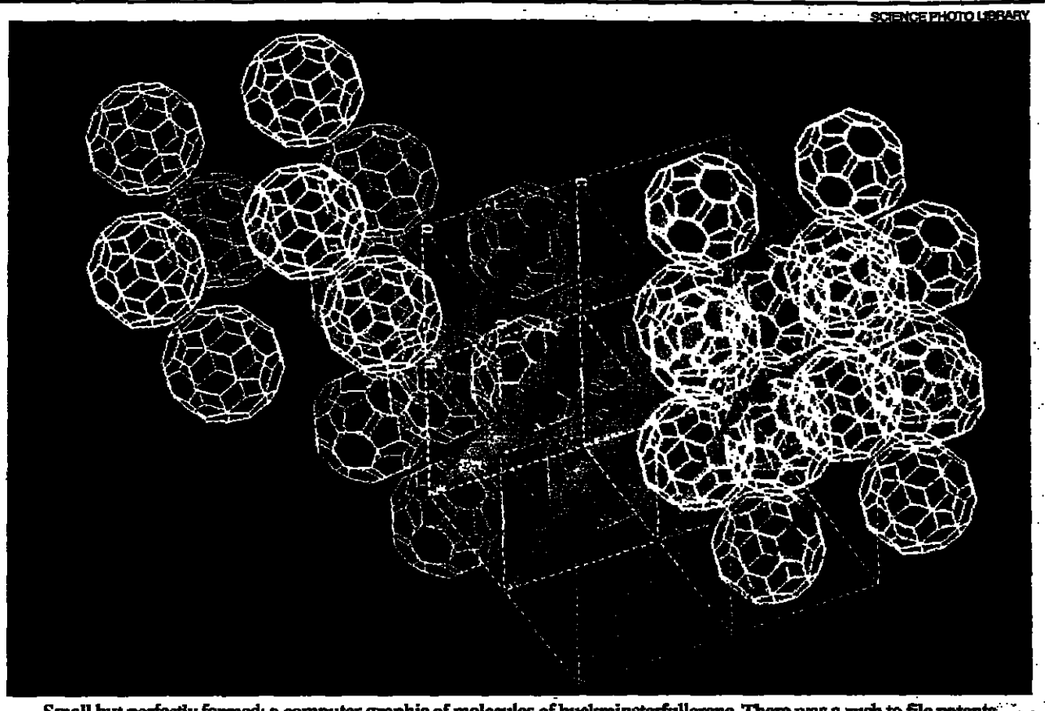
Almost everyone knows the element carbon has two forms: diamond and graphite. So it came as a surprise when, in 1985, Professor Harold Kroto, of the University of Sussex, and Professors Richard Smalley and Robert Curl, at Rice University in Houston, Texas, discovered a third form — a molecule in which 60 carbon atoms arrange themselves to form a hollow sphere resembling a soccer ball, or one of the geodesic dome structures of the American architect Richard Buckminster Fuller.

They called the molecule — the most symmetrical ever made — buckminsterfullerene.

The novel shape of the "bucky ball" suggested many applications. The hollow sphere of carbon might serve as a cage for radioactive atoms employed in radiotherapy, or the molecules might act as a super-efficient lubricant like tiny "ball-bearings". However, it was impossible to test these exciting prospects because the molecules could be made only in minute quantities in specialised apparatus.

Then, in 1990, Dr Wolfgang Krätschmer, at the Max Planck Institute for Nuclear Physics in Heidelberg, and Professor Donald Huffman, at the University of Arizona, found they could make buckminsterfullerene in quantity simply by heating carbon electrodes by passing an electric current through them. Subsequent experiments have shown the new material to have intriguing properties, doing everything from exhibiting superconductivity to attacking HIV, the virus that causes Aids.

Both the novelty of the molecule and the likelihood of its having exciting applications stimulated a rush for patents. Companies such as Du Pont, AT&T and Xerox in the United States, as well as Hoechst in Germany and NEC in Japan, have applied for patents to protect potential applications. It is said that no other single scientific discovery is generating more activity in the world's patent offices.



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Small but perfectly formed: a computer graphic of molecules of buckminsterfullerene. There was a rush to file patents

But patentability is not a black-and-white issue. In order to be patentable, an invention much be novel in the sense that it would not in retrospect seem obvious, and in that it is not covered by previous patents. Finally, it must have a use.

There are two kinds of patent. Both are relevant to buckminsterfullerene, and both pose thorny problems of legal interpretation. One covers a novel thing; the other covers a novel way of making or employing that thing.

For the first kind of patent — covering the "composition of matter" — the question is whether buckminsterfullerene is an invention or a discovery. The blurred distinction between the two is already a fact of life in other areas of science.

The patentability or otherwise of biological material, and especially of human biological material, has become a controversial topic. Biotechnology companies claim to make "biological machines", eligible for patent protection like other inventions. Others are unsure that substances derived more or less directly from nature should be so described.

The fault lies not so much with those who wish to patent genetic material, but with an outdated legal framework designed to protect the mechanical designs of the Industrial Revolution.

Chemistry is beginning to suffer the same confusion. Antibiotics are generally classified as discoveries. But more complex "designer drugs", created with the benefit of computerised techniques for planning the positioning of various chemical groups, are more like inventions — the result of having set out to design molecules that one hopes will have particular uses.

Buckminsterfullerene illustrates some of the paradoxes involved. Kroto, Smalley and Curl could have sought a "composition of matter" patent for buckminsterfullerene itself. They could also have sought a patent to protect the way in which they made it, using a laser to vaporise carbon from a graphite surface. But in the 1980s, though the novelty of the molecule was clear, and though the process of making it was certainly not an obvious one, they were missing the third necessary ingredient — the use.

In 1990, Krätschmer and Huffman did seek a patent for their improved way of making buckminsterfullerene. If their method had remained the only way of making it, then they might have become rich from licensing the process. Before long, however, other research teams were making the molecule by a variety of methods.

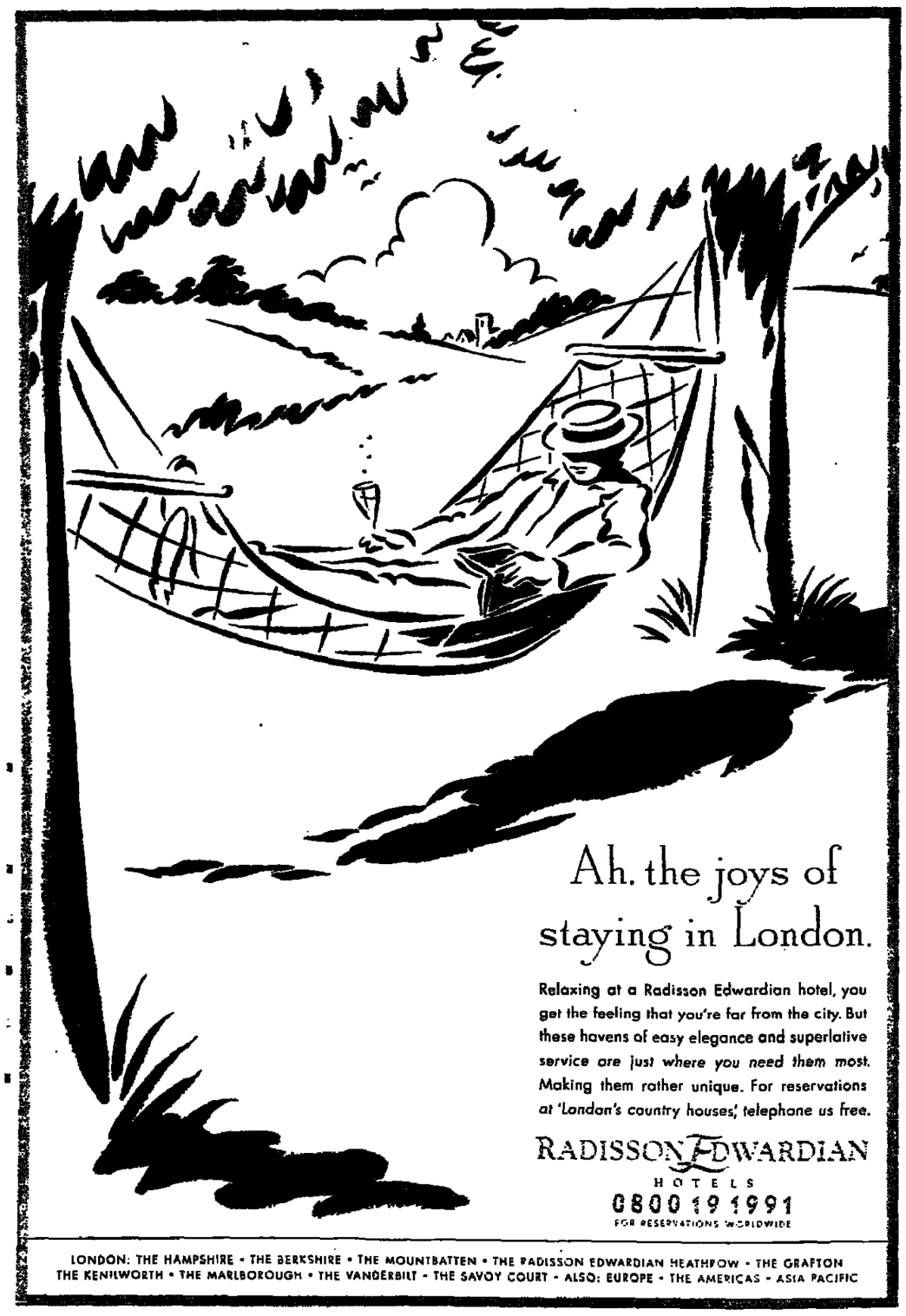
Some of the derivatives of buckminsterfullerene present a rather different picture. Metallofullerenes — carbon cages containing atoms of various metallic elements — made by Smalley's group do have the element of design that was absent from the original discovery. Smalley has applied for patents covering these molecules, which may be useful as catalysts and drugs and in electronic and optical devices.

Nature, meanwhile, has shown its hand in the discovery-or-invention debate concerning buckminsterfullerene itself. In 1992, Peter Buseck and Semeon Tsipursky, mineralogists at Arizona State University, found small amounts of buckminsterfullerene in a rare carbonaceous Precambrian rock. This detection of the first naturally-occurring buckminsterfullerene instantly demolished efforts to paint the molecule as an invention.

Very recently, buckminsterfullerene has been found in other geological environments, including in a meteorite sample and in a rock formed at the boundary between the Cretaceous and Tertiary eras 65 million years ago when the dinosaurs died out.

Those scientists who had been ambitious of obtaining patents for buckminsterfullerene must console themselves with the fact that while those hopes evaporate, the odds are increasing that the molecule is widespread in the natural environment and through the universe.

● *Hugh Aldersey-Williams's book, The Most Beautiful Molecule, describing the discovery of buckminsterfullerene has just been published by Aurum Press, £18.95.*



Europe sets out to solve a space riddle

Will the far side of Mercury yield up the secrets of the smallest planet?

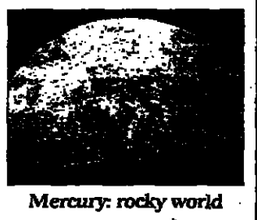
TWO decades after the Mariner 10 spacecraft flitted past Mercury, a mission to the Solar System's smallest planet has been chosen by the European Space Agency to spearhead its Horizon 2000-Plus programme for space exploration in the coming century. The planned £400 million *Mercury Orbiter* will be launched in 2005 at the earliest.

Mariner 10 made three flybys, each lasting only a matter of hours. But it did reveal that the planet has a magnetic field, something which scientists had previously thought impossible.

Andre Balogh, scientific coordinator, says the Orbiter mission will be particularly interested in the enigma of this field. He is organising a Mercury workshop for European scientists at Imperial College in London.

Mercury is the most mysterious of the four terrestrial planets (Venus, Earth and Mars are the others), which are small, rocky worlds compared with gas giants like Jupiter and Saturn. Lying about halfway between the Sun and the Earth, Mercury is awkward to observe from Earth because it is obscured by the Sun's bulk for much of its 88-day orbit.

It has huge temperature ranges and virtually no atmosphere. Mariner showed its



Mercury: rocky world

surface to be pockmarked with craters, much like the Moon

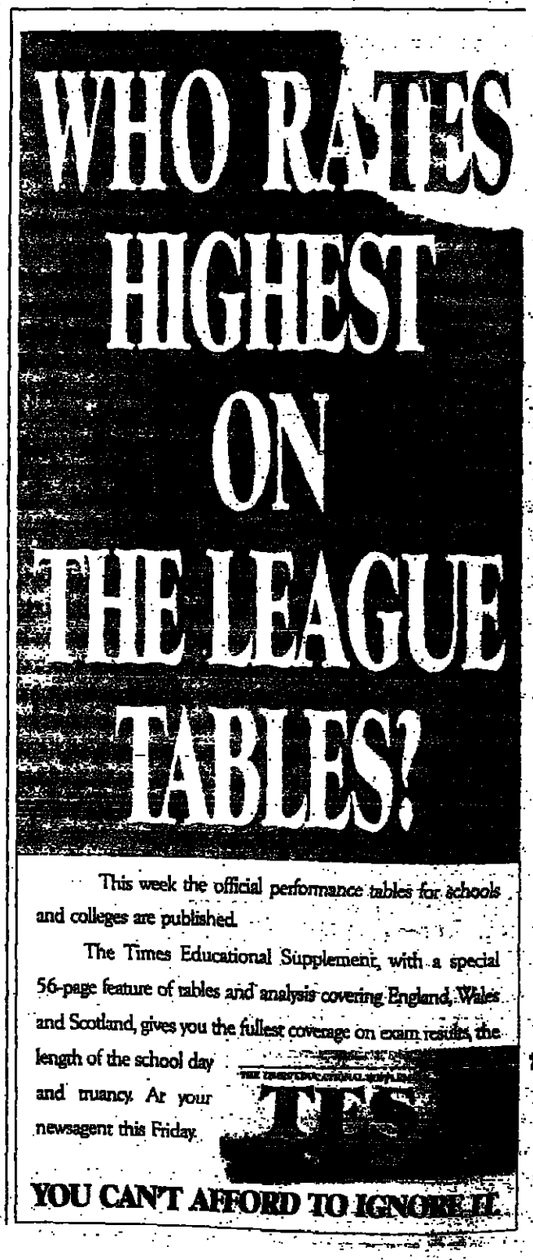
Professor John Guest, from University College London, worked on the Mariner 10 images at Nasa while a young scientist, and still remembers the excitement of waiting for ever-more detailed pictures of the planet to be beamed back to the control centre.

"We saw just under half of Mercury thanks to Mariner, but it is crucial to see the other side," he said. "We learnt from looking at Mars that planets can be completely different on different sides."

Professor Guest sees the enigma of Mercury as the last piece in an unfinished jigsaw puzzle.

"The Mercury Orbiter will help us to understand the early history of the Solar System, and in doing so, how planets evolve. This may help us to understand what might happen to the Earth in the future."

ANJANA AHUJA



Without question, still a Walden

Rachel Kelly finds the young star of *Martin Chuzzlewit* determined not to trade on a famous family name

One thing that Ben Walden hates are articles which begin with the fact that he is the son of Brian.

Much as he respects his father as a "very fine politician" — he had breakfasted with Walden Sr the day we met — he is keen to burrow from under his shadow. Thanks to the BBC's hit, *Martin Chuzzlewit*, he is succeeding.

He plays the young Martin Chuzzlewit, the grandson of the rich and eccentric old Martin Chuzzlewit (Paul Scofield). On falling in love with Mary Graham, companion to old Martin, he is disinherited, and emigrates to America in search of fortune. His rosy view proves false. The "thriving city" of Eden is a fever-ridden swamp where he falls ill. He returns to England, and is reconciled with his grandfather and betrothed to Mary.

Though not quite the star, who all agree is Paul Scofield in his double-bill performance as old Martin Chuzzlewit and old Anthony Chuzzlewit, Walden's part is certainly in the first eleven. It is also probably the only role which could be labelled "heart-throb". As Dickens wrote of young Martin: "He was young — one and twenty, perhaps — and handsome; with a keen dark eye, and a quickness of look and manner."

Walden Jr is 25. He certainly has a "quickness of look and manner" and is indeed handsome with cobalt cat's eyes and translucent skin, though he is not especially tall at 5ft 9in, nor especially dark, with foppish, chestnutty hair.

Still, he set pulses racing at Westminster, where contemporaries remember him dating the prettiest girl in the year, and he has become adept at stuffing his photo into brown envelopes to satisfy his growing female fan-club.

He can act. At times he slightly swallows his vowels, but plaudits have flowed for his portrayal of a character who symbolises the journey from selfishness to virtue that lies at the heart of the novel.

While other *Chuzzlewit* characters are grotesque, unchanging caricatures, young Martin probably travels the farthest. "At the start, he's a deeply self-absorbed and self-ish young man who sees everything only from his own point of view," says Walden, with a fluency reminiscent of his father. "But Dickens sends him on a journey which proves to be his salvation."

Does he empathise with his tele-role? "I like to think that I have seen more of life than he has," Walden says. "Young Martin led a very sheltered life up until the novel begins, and while he's not evil or malicious, he has grown up being given everything he wanted. He is brought up thinking of himself as heir-apparent to a considerable fortune."

Walden's childhood was rather different. At five, his parents divorced when his father was a Labour MP in Birmingham and his mother, Jane McKerron, a journalist. His parents had met on *Tribune*. "The marriage turned very nasty," he says. "But at three or four, it did not affect me badly. It meant that I was always able to stay up late as my parents were too busy fighting to control."

> 'My father thought acting was too frivolous a career'

He and his mother left home in Warwick Avenue in Maida Vale to lead a peripatetic existence, now lodging in the country with a former *Punch* writer, now staying with other friends in London before his mother settled in Primrose Hill.

He saw little of his father, whom he refers to variously throughout our chat as "my old man", "Brian" and "Dad". At times, the young Walden stayed with a working-class couple in Acton, the Kingsleys, to whom he attributes the east End twang which lends him useful street credibility.

Prep school in Buckinghamshire at eight was a bombshell. It was a barbaric experience, which he would not wish on his own children, though he says he would send them to day public schools at 13.

"The scratchy collars, the sight of all the tuck boxes lined up, and the smell of wood polish," he recalls. "It all used to make me feel physically sick."

To survive, he became good at acting. He would have preferred to shine at football, but was too small to make the first team. "I'm very different from my father. I'm not interested in politics and not even sure that I am going to vote at the next election. At first, he didn't want me to become an actor because he believes it is too frivolous a life. I think he would have loved it if I had become a history don."

But as a Dickens aficionado, Walden Sr has thrilled to Ben's success in *Chuzzlewit* and is warming to his son's thespian career. Walden Jr didn't have time to finish the book before the audition and turned to his father to tell him the ending.

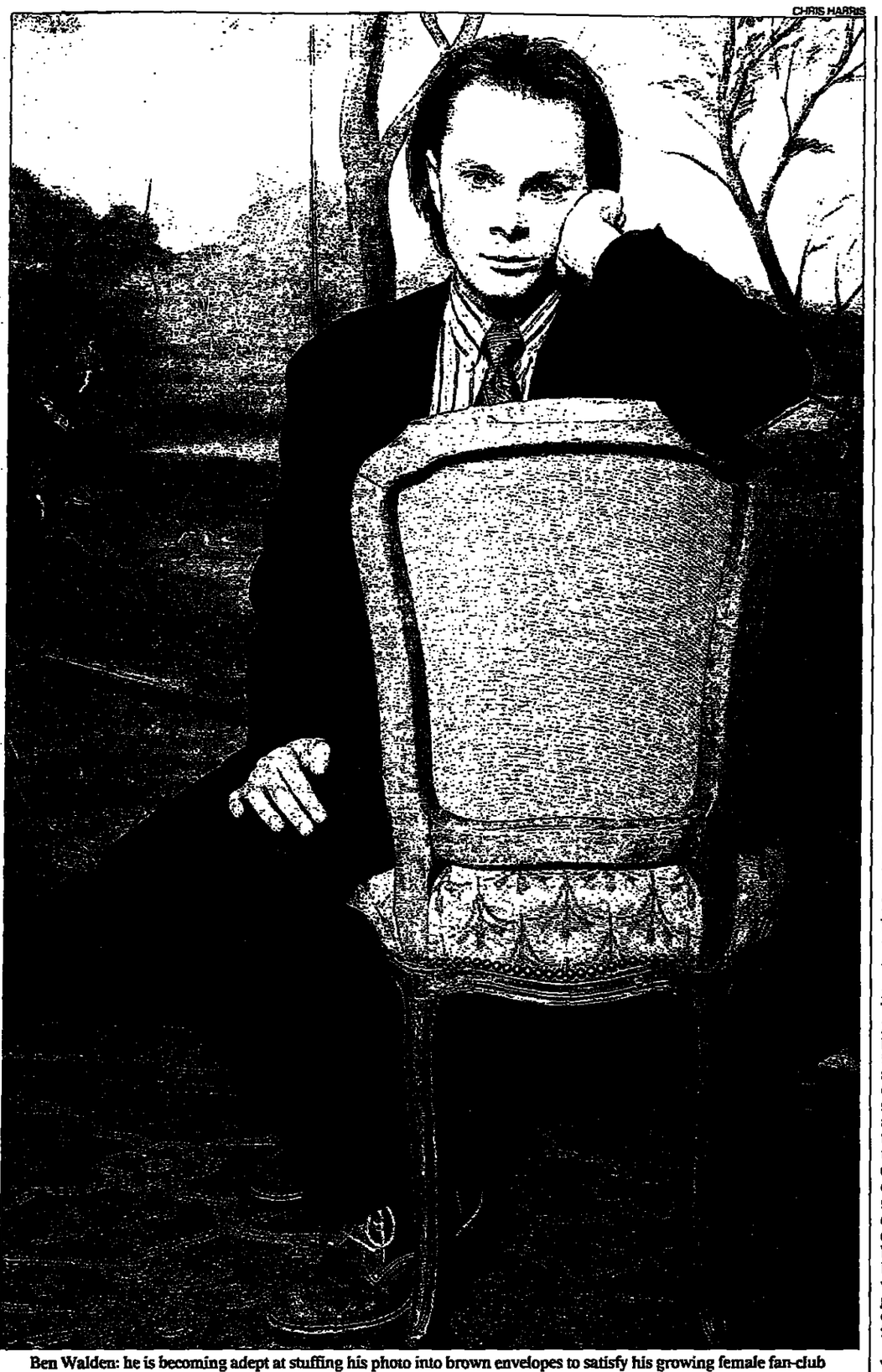
Westminster followed prep school, where he became friends with other sons of the famous: Louis Theroux, son of Paul, Giles Coren, son of Alan. Though he describes himself as middle-class, he has slightly laddish edges: talk of football, that East End twang. He is keen not to be pigeon-holed into upper-class toff roles and has recently played an East London drug dealer in an ITV drama.

He spent a term at the Guildhall School of Drama, dropped out because he hated it, and like young Martin fled to America, where he was tutored in New York by a lady called Yuta Hagen, apparently the doyenne of American drama teaching. He aims to be realistic, neither over or under-playing roles, and admires the "method-acting" of Robert de Niro, Al Pacino, and James Dean.

But as he is the first to admit, he is not yet at the stage where he can be picky about roles. "You can't really control your career at my age," he says. *Chuzzlewit* has followed success in *The Camomile Lawn* and he has played in *Message for Posterity*, a Dennis Potter play on BBC2.

He is currently trying to raise funds for a film with a friend from Westminster in which he would star. Meanwhile he is awaiting the call from Hollywood in his Primrose Hill flat. Then, finally perhaps, newspaper pieces will cease to mention anyone called Brian.

CHRIS HARRIS



Ben Walden: he is becoming adept at stuffing his photo into brown envelopes to satisfy his growing female fan-club

Where is the justice when TV moves in?

The law must not be reduced to a ratings contest for couch-potatoes

NEVER mind the lottery, did you see *The Trial*? Did you look into the eyes of the accused, watch the witnesses' nervousness from a comfy chair, grimace prettily at the medical evidence about the kicked-in skull, and peer round your coffee-mug at the police photographs of the poor corpse's watch and glasses?

Did you fall for Gordon Jackson, the Hibernian Rumpole, and his speech on the presumption of innocence? Admire the judge's jazzy medieval kit as he signalled the impassive policemen to take the murderer away until AD 2005? Terrific television, was it not?



LIBBY PURVES

I had hoped that the Scottish experiment would convert me to the televising of trials; if only because I think that it is probably coming whether I want it or not. I read about the American barrister who said that TV makes "the lawyers better prepared, the judges better behaved, and the public better informed". I took on board the arguments about the need for justice to be visible. I tried to believe that ours will never be the shameful circus we see in America.

But it was no good. It makes me gag, and always will. Television is not reality. The people who run it are not public servants but competitive entertainers. They represent us, sure: but not as active citizens, more as idle, channel-surfing couch-potatoes. With all the safeguards in the world they will treat trials as entertainment. We are not, after all, even allowed to see the whole of the party conferences; as soon as some comparative dullard starts to speak, they cut to a stagey discussion between smart-ass journalists. Do not think for a minute that we would be given the *longueurs* of court proceedings; only the moments the director finds "sexy".

Trials are awesome things, whatever their outcome. Those involved in them are entitled to dignified privacy. Perhaps proceedings could be recorded on video in case of appeals; conceivably a few selected bits of summing-up might be released. But the network cameras do not belong in court. If the medium had developed differently, things might be different: as it is, TV values are so hopelessly corrupt and frivolous that the medium is not fit to come within a mile of real crises in real lives. And since you ask, no, I would not let the bastards film any operation in my family. I have known a crew get back from a hospital saying: "We got some great incubator pics, and the great thing is, it was one of the babies that's died since."

The parallel with the public gallery is often cited, but fails to convince. Those watchers are indeed honourable participants in justice, but they earn their place. They breathe the same air as witnesses and accused; they sit through the dull bits under the same discipline.

A TELEVISION audience does not risk contempt of court even when it yawns, slurps and burps and flips over for a restorative glimpse of some *Baywatch* bums. The TV audience will never be part of justice in the solemn sense that the court gallery has been.

Andrew Deacons, the man convicted in Friday's programme, has said that he regrets, for his family's sake, having agreed to the cameras. "I feel as if somebody's moved right in on ma life ... there wasna long enough tae think about it ..." The producer, Nick Catliff, smug in the success of his production, dismisses this with the observation that Deacons's "only grievance is that he got convicted". But he would say that, wouldn't he? He got his show.

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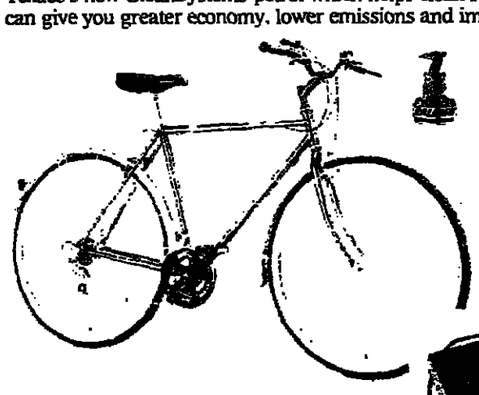
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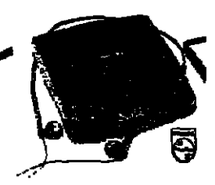
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Lost and misunderstood

A fruitless search for a trapped kitten left the home of Michael and Brenda Powell, of Lydney, Gloucestershire, looking like a building site last week. Here the scriptwriter Carla Lane, who arranged the search together with the former model Celia Hammond, tells her side of the story.



Carla Lane: barred

MUCH has been said about the plight of the people who woke up one morning to hear the cry of a kitten coming from somewhere in their house. Not a lot, however, has been said for the cat.

When Celia went to see the Powells and politely discussed the situation with them, she was met with hostility and was told to leave.

Celia then telephoned me and I suggested using the type of equipment employed to find people lost in earthquakes. With this in mind, I called the Powells and left a message on their answering machine. Mr Powell called me that night and said they would allow the equipment to be used, provided that "that woman" did not set foot near their house.

The following morning, hoping that they would forget their animosity when they saw what was to be a gentle, well-planned rescue bid in progress, we arranged for two experts to visit their house.

The plan was that they would locate the cat, make one hole and Celia would coax the cat out. We were advised not to go any nearer the house than the road and not to mention Celia's name.

By now, we had lost communication with the rescuers. They had gone into the house without any real briefing from us. We sat in a car for four hours and the neighbours brought us tea. Then a policeman came and said: "They have located the cat." I said: "This is where Celia should go in. Can't you plead with them?" I was made silent with a shaking of the head. Two hours later, Mrs Powell sent for me. By now, the rescuers were making more holes in the bathroom. On the way down to the house, the policeman said the Powells were explosive and I must be careful what I said because they would send everybody away.

In the kitchen I sat opposite Mrs Powell and felt as if I was under heavy guard. I offered sympathy for all that she had been through for five weeks. But then, as it seemed the name Celia was about to come up, I was ordered to leave.

The searchers, still with no guidance, just continued to do what rescue men do — make holes. I went back to the car and we sat there in total despair until it was dark, by which time the entire press and media world had descended on the scene. Feeling the need to try once more, I broke all the rules and went down to the house. I knocked gently, but the door was shut against me. A whispered consultation went on — and finally I was allowed into the kitchen again. There was hardly any room to stand for the media.

I said to Mrs Powell — who sat shivering violently — "if only you had let us do what we planned. There is no need for all this." But I was once again told to go. There was nothing more we could do.

Celia and I are not barmy women with cheque books; we each have sanctuaries. We were trapped — like the kitten — out of the reach of human understanding.

Matthew Parris



■ We must cede control of the Falklands to Argentina. I only wish I hadn't helped to stop a deal last time

Prince Andrew has been pretty well received in Argentina, even by its armed forces. One is always surprised by the warmth of the Argentine people towards us. Their unaltered hospitality after the Falklands War arises not from any great tolerance or humility — they are neither a tolerant nor a humble nation — but because they remain one of the most Anglophile countries on earth. The large British community in Buenos Aires will testify to this. It is almost embarrassing.

It must owe something to Canning and Britain's involvement in the economic development of the country; but it is also because the Argentinians are dreadful snobs and hanker after European culture.

Is it time to start mulling over a Falklands deal? Not quite, but soon it must be. My own thinking has changed since 1980, when I was one of a little group of Tory backbench idiots who carved up the late Nicholas Ridley as he tried to explain to the House his plan for a compromise with Argentina.

I blush to remember the incident. I was an admirer of Ridley's throughout my time in Parliament. So I suppose this attack must explain his coldness towards me, for he was very proud.

As Minister of State at the Foreign Office, he had returned from Buenos Aires with the gist of a plan which he must have cleared both with his Secretary of State, Lord Carrington, and with Margaret Thatcher. It was a "lease-back" arrangement involving continued British governance but a ceding of sovereignty to Argentina.

It was sensible. It was brave. It was unpopular with Falklands residents. And it was howled down — to Ridley's humiliation — by a small number of Tories like me, most of whom had never visited either Argentina or the islands, who understood little of the background and had given the matter scant thought. We just thought "Foreign Office defeatism versus imperial pride" and started shooting our mouths off for imperial pride.

It is the parliamentary moment of which I feel most ashamed. We may have sunk the initiative, and thus unwittingly condemned many to die. Peter Carrington should have taken us aside privately and argued us round (he was capable of that), but he never did. The idea was simply dropped. I suspect that Margaret Thatcher, for whom discretion was surprisingly often the better part of valour, had taken fright.

I am not, on the other hand, ashamed of my support for the Falklands War. Some things become historically unavoidable, and that war was. We all find ourselves obliged to fight corners we should never have got into in the first place, and the fight must be conducted with vigour. But I cannot forget that *I* did not fight.

About a year after the war itself, I was one of a group of MPs invited to visit the islands. Tory and Opposition backbenchers were being carted off in batches to Port Stanley — no doubt to keep up support for the huge post-war costs of the colony — and I joined a handful of MPs and one peer on the long journey, refuelled in-flight, by Hercules from Ascension Island. The visit was fascinating, but if the aim was to stiffen my colonial backbone, it failed. I was staggered by the expense and the sheer improbability of the venture; and neither the Governor, Sir Rex Hunt, nor the islanders — good people though they were — seemed to be thinking rationally about their future. Later I was to visit Argentina and hear the other side of the case.

We shall have to settle the Falklands row, and there is a way to do so. It is as plain as the nose on your face. This dispute is so very soluble: (1) the historic right to ownership is arguable either way; nothing demands that history dictate; (2) the Falklanders reject Argentine administration, and on a question of their own day-to-day lives, we should try to respect their wishes; (3) what Argentina cannot swallow is foreign sovereignty over these offshore islands; (4) both sides covet the benefits of possible oil and gas reserves beneath the surrounding ocean.

> Without giving it much thought, a few of us howled down the proposal

Well, isn't it obvious? We should cede sovereignty in exchange for a 100-year lease, renewable at another British generation's insistence if the grandchildren of the present inhabitants still wish it. And we share economic rights with Argentina, 50-50.

To the islanders, we must point out tactfully but firmly that their future governance is a matter for them, but that overall sovereignty is a constitutional question for Westminster. If we could involve their big continental neighbour in an arrangement that pleased all sides, then far from undermining the security of the islanders' way of life we would be underwriting it.

Nick Ridley was right. It may be too early for his successors in government to be hinting so — "no compromise" is usually the best slogan until you do — but it is time for the rest of us to start turning the thought over in our minds. To write this is to make some sort of apology to Nick. I was wrong; but, worse than that, I was silly.

The right-wing Republican victory in America is sure of a popular echo in Britain

Essex man would vote for Newt

Tony Blair could hardly be called a "counter-culture McGovernik", as Newt Gingrich has described Bill and Hillary Clinton. For one thing, Tony Blair was still up at St John's College, Oxford, when Senator McGovern was overwhelmed by President Nixon in the 1972 campaign. Yet the new tone of American Republican politics is certain to be heard in Britain, if only because the congressional campaign which Newt Gingrich masterminded was so successful. In politics there is no substitute for victory.

The British and American political cycles have been well synchronised since the end of the Second World War. After the war, in the late 1940s, Truman was President, Attlee was Prime Minister: both were traditionalist leaders of the left-wing parties. The 1950s saw Eisenhower as President and the succession of Churchill, Eden and Macmillan as Prime Ministers: that was the great decade of moderate conservatism. The 1960s were dominated by the moderate Left in both countries, Kennedy and Johnson sharing some of their doctrines with Harold Wilson. Nixon won as a moderate Republican in 1968, and Heath as a moderate Conservative in 1970.

In 1976 Jimmy Carter won the Presidency and James Callaghan became Prime Minister. Both, as can now be seen, represented a political tradition in decline; both were succeeded by new leaders of the radical Right: Margaret Thatcher and Ronald Reagan. The 1980s were dominated in both countries by these conviction conservatives. In their turn, they were succeeded by moderate consolidators, men whose liberal conservatism looked back to that of a previous generation. In the United States, George Bush was defeated by Bill Clinton in 1992; John Major had won his election earlier in the same year, at a time when George Bush was still ahead in the polls: the British Conservatives now seem likely to be defeated at the next election.

The American cycle has for the present accelerated past the British. The Democrats could well be out of power in 1996, even before the Labour Party has won power in Britain. More than that, the Republicans have already taken a decisive turn to the right, and so far that has proved very popular. Perhaps we shall follow the same pattern, though we seem to have fallen a full electoral cycle behind; to catch up with America, we should need to fast-forward through a Blair victory, replace John Major with a more right-wing Conservative leader, and already be observing Conservative gains in the middle of a Tony Blair parliament. Alternatively, we could freeze Tony Blair out of the frame altogether, and move straight from the British equivalent of George Bush (which is John Major) to whoever can win the crown of the British Newt Gingrich.

In America, real social forces have produced the Republican mid-term victory. This is phase three of the new conservatism; Reaganism and Thatcherism were phase one, and the revisionist moderation of Bush and Major has been an unsatisfactory phase two. Phase-three conservatism in America takes the Reagan revolution as its starting point. A similar phase-three conservatism in Britain would go beyond Thatcherism. The Conservative Party in the country would probably support such a movement, which created what excitement there was at the last two Conservative Party conferences. Yet the Government is firmly in the hands of phase-two Conservatives, who have no desire at all to continue a post-Thatcherite revolution, nor any sympathy with the social forces which would promote one.

The Americans, who voted the Republicans into control of the House of Representatives, believe in the

William Rees-Mogg

Gingrich programme. The ten Bills to be tabled in the first 100 days of the new Congress reflect what this public wants. It wants lower government expenditure, a lower deficit (or none at all), lower taxes, the deprofessionalisation of politics, a counter-attack on crime, greater personal responsibility, better support for families and small businesses, stronger defence, a means to get the lawyers off their backs, more jobs, freedom for pensioners to earn more before taxes, less pornography, no abortion on demand, and a reassertion of American values.

This is not the culture of the politically correct, of American academic life, or of the media. It is not the culture of the Democratic Party activists, or of Bill and Hillary Clinton personally. Yet it is the culture of a large part of the American middle class. When one examines the individual proposals, they are not very shocking. Budget deficits have weakened the dollar and damaged the American economy. The US has become a highly taxed nation, particularly in high-welfare states like New York. The American family feels under threat. Crime is a far worse social problem in Washington, New York or Los Angeles than in Tokyo, Hong Kong or even London. American litigation destroys lives, businesses and jobs. Many Americans recognise that there is a strong "counter-culture" which they regard as decadent and destructive of the moral values of their society.

There is a case on the other side. Building new prisons when there are already more than a million Americans in jail is not necessarily an answer to crime. The tobacco lobby is one of the bulwarks of the American Right. There are racist elements supporting the Republicans, particularly in the South. Yet we need to understand this popular support for the Gingrich programme. He is a far more popular politician than Bill Clinton, or indeed than any of the moderate Bush-type Republicans.

The British middle class is not so different from the American. Try some of the Newt Gingrich appeals: "Stamp on crime, cut your taxes, stop people scrounging on welfare, be proud of Britain." These are lines which will win applause. Try the politically correct statements — "We must understand the social causes of crime, taxes may have to go up, welfare benefits must be raised, Britain's future lies in the European Union" — and you will be heard, at best, in a muttering silence by any Conservative audience. As in America, so in Britain, a large number of people feel that nobody in recent years has been speaking up for them.

These people are not all middle-class, and they're certainly not rich, but their view of life is much the same in both countries. And there are plenty such voters in other countries, in Germany, in France, in Italy, even in Russia, probably in China. It is no use left-wing commentators sneering at such people — there are too many of them. When people feel they are losing their national culture, they fight to get it back.

Phase-three conservatism has indeed much greater public appeal than phase two ever had. Conservative politicians may be moderates, reluctant to go back to the stridency of the Thatcher or Reagan years, but defeat will always push them back towards their core support. We may not like all the attitudes of the conviction conservatives, though much of what they demand is reasonable. Yet when it comes to winning elections, it is Essex man or Grantham woman, it is Newt Gingrich who can do the job. And even the most high-minded of us should recognise that the low-tax, high-savings, low-crime, personal-responsibility cultures of the East have a much better social and economic record in the modern world than the over-loaded, semi-socialist cultures of the ageing West.

Who makes the electoral rules?

Peter Riddell says all sides need to feel sure of their powers under the constitution



The head of state is in a quandary. Her Prime Minister has lost the confidence of Parliament, though his party is trying to remain in power. Should she allow a general election? Or should she see whether another leading politician can command a majority? That predicament already faces Mary Robinson, the Irish President, but it could soon also face the Queen. The past week's events have shown how politically exposed a head of state can become. A public debate about how prime ministers are chosen and elections are granted is long overdue.

Events in Dublin and London naturally differ. In the Dail, no party commands an overall majority. The leader of Fianna Fail, the largest party in the government, has changed, and Bertie Ahern is trying to revive the coalition with Labour which collapsed last week. At Westminster, John Major still has an overall majority. But he has threatened that he will seek an election if the Government is defeated a week tonight on the second reading of the Bill raising British contributions to the European budget. He is treating it as a confidence issue. Defeat is highly unlikely, but not impossible.

In both cases, there is still much uncertainty. If Mr Ahern fails to recreate the old coalition, should Mrs Robinson grant an election? This is opposed by the vast majority of the Irish public, according to a poll yesterday. Or should she see if John Bruton, the Fine Gael leader, can form a workable government? In Britain, if the Government lost the vote on the second reading, would the Cabinet allow Mr Major to seek an election which might result in a Tory rout? Or would ministers seek to put in place a leader who could command a majority, rather as Fianna Fail has done with the replacement of Albert Reynolds by Mr Ahern?

RIDDELL ON MONDAY

There are no clear-cut guidelines. The choice of prime minister remains one of the residual prerogative powers and can compromise the impartiality of the Crown. On most occasions, this does not arise. A general election produces a party with an overall majority and its leader becomes, or remains, prime minister. Similarly, when he or she retires, or is forced out, the choice of leader is made by the party itself and is then merely formalised by the monarch. That has been the position since 1975, when the Tories decided to elect their leader (though the Queen had been involved in 1957 and 1963). Despite the change, the monarch has faced a choice, rather than a *fait accompli*, on other occasions when no party has an overall majority.

The system is seen by most former party leaders and by the key officials involved (the Queen's private secretary, the Cabinet Secretary, and the Prime Minister's principal private secretary) as flexible enough to work without compromising the Queen's neutrality. They agree with the principle of "political decisions, politically arrived at", as set out by Rodney Brazier in his *Constitutional Practice*. There is usually a clear sense of political momentum. In the first election of 1974, the Tories were obviously the losers, which is why, despite weekend talks, Liberal MPs wanted no part of a coalition. But there are instances, as in Ireland now, where the situation is messier. Moreover, the generally greater media scrutiny and the particular focus on the personal lives of the royal family would not permit secret procedures to operate now.

Sir Robert Rhodes James, the historian and former MP, has mentioned the fear of some MPs in November 1990 that Margaret Thatcher might seek an immediate dissolution of Parliament after failing to secure the necessary majority on the first leadership ballot. That may have been far-fetched and would certainly have broken up her Cabinet. The possibility of the monarch refusing a dissolution is raised by Tim Renton, the Tory Chief Whip at the time, in his recent novel *The Dangerous Edge*. Mr Major is reported to have hinted at an election in October 1992 over the "paving" vote on the Maastricht Bill. If that vote had been lost — and after all the Government only just won — the Queen might not automatically have granted a dissolution within just six months of an election, without first seeing whether another leading Tory could command a majority. The monarch can be drawn into bitter controversy, as occurred in Canada in 1926 and in Australia in 1975.

The apparently least risky option of listening to an existing prime minister and granting a dissolution could be very contentious. Perhaps an election could be triggered only by a Commons vote. If this were lost, the Opposition parties could see about forming a working majority. As long as 'prerogative' powers remain, the monarch is bound to be involved.

The uncertainties outlined above need to be resolved. In the first of his Gresham lectures last month, Professor Peter Hennessy suggested that the Opposition leaders should ask for discussions with 10 Downing Street, Buckingham Palace and the Cabinet Office to agree the principles that would guide the use of prerogative powers to appoint a Prime Minister and to dissolve Parliament.

Charles Clarke, head of Neil Kinnock's private office from 1987 until 1992, has said that different views existed then, and therefore steps should be taken to ensure that both Government and Opposition understand and agree the principles, and that the monarch's advisers are named. David Butler, Britain's most eminent observer of elections, has gone further in his *Governing Without a Majority* and proposed either an inter-party conference or a royal commission to produce agreed rules.

These are no longer just remote possibilities. There must be at least a 30 per cent chance of a hung parliament after the next election. It is no longer enough to expect a small group of officials, however well-intentioned, to resolve such a situation without publicly known ground-rules. Questioning the prerogative powers of the Crown is not a form of quasi-republicanism. Rather it should be a priority for defenders of the monarchy.

Honours even

THE NEW YEAR'S honours list, which has just been dusted off, may raise more eyebrows than usual, I hear. First and foremost, Elizabeth Smith, widow of John, has been nominated by Tony Blair for a life peerage, as I predicted last summer. Baroness Smith of Morningside has a certain ring to it. And, before Tory killjoys gear up to snort derisively, there are plenty of precedents for politicians' widows receiving peerages. The likes of Baronesses Gaitskell, Macleod and Elliot spring to mind — all of whom made far more constructive contributions to the Lords' deliberations than many a male colleague.

A separate and notable honour is predicted for that arch-loyalist and monarchist Lord St John of Fawsley (a list of whose posts, past and present, would fill this column). Her Majesty, it is said, is to bestow the very highest award for chivalry, the Most Noble Order of the Garter on the Master of Emmanuel College, Cambridge.

But my mole in the Upper House whispers of much agonishing over another candidate for a peerage: Enoch Powell. "He used to say he'd only accept a hereditary peerage," says my insider. "But now he's 82 — and he was, after all, a Cabinet minister. I understand he would be happy to be a lifer." Given his Euro-sceptic views, John Major may prefer to keep him waiting.

● *Alumni of the London School of Economics are watching Bertie Ahern's progress with growing excitement. The new leader of Ireland's Fianna Fail party did a degree in business studies at the school in the 1970s. If made Taoiseach he would be the 24th prime minister or president to have attended the LSE — though no one has ever made it from the school to Downing Street.*



Family honour: Mrs Smith

Rhino watch

SIR LAURENS van der Post, the Prince of Wales's spiritual guru, is uniting with the conservationist Dr Ian Player to launch a new "green" body, the Wilderness Trust, on December 2. The two will be recalling a distant friend, a wise old Zulu called Magqubu Ntombela.

Once, during a trek into Zululand, the exhausted trio debated who should keep watch all night for wild animals. As they talked, an enormous lion sprang out of the bush, but moved on. Then two white rhino emerged and settled down 50 yards away under a giant sycamore fig tree.

Old Magqubu assured them they could all sleep safely without leaving anyone on watch, as the rhino would alert them to any predators. Van der Post and Player put their faith in the old man — and live to tell the tale.

● *One disappointed speculator in the National Lottery was the Tory MP for Hastings and Rye, Jacqui Lait. She went into her local newsagents to buy a ticket, only to be told the terminal was not working. When Lait protested, the newsagent retorted: "Better write to your MP then."*

Full dress

A CERTAIN casual look is penetrating Covent Garden. The Royal Opera House has turned to the style-guru Giorgio Armani to clothe the cast of Jonathan Miller's new production of *Cosi fan tutte*, which is due to play in London and Rome. British soprano Amanda Roocroft and baritone Simon Keenlyside will be among the beneficiaries of Armani's debut into the opera world.

Miller's production "cried out for coolly elegant Italian costumes," says the Royal Opera's director, Nicholas Payne. "We are all very happy that Giorgio Armani has responded in such a positive way."

Box and Cox

BRIAN COX, one of our most respected classical actors, has been indulging in a little horseplay. Between filming *Rob Roy* in Scotland with Liam Neeson, Jessica Lange and Tim Roth, and opening in his own production of Ibsen's *The Master Builder* at the Riverside Studios, he managed to fit in a rather more unusual job.

He has supplied the narration for a three-minute film amusingly titled *I Was Catherine the Great's Stable Boy*. The piece documents the apocryphal final moments of the Russian Queen's life, said to have been spent in close proximity to her favourite horse.

"I like to make a point of doing some projects for free to help young people get things off the ground. The whole thing was very well done and very tasteful," he says.



Blue light

LABOUR MP Mike O'Brien, parliamentary adviser to the Police Federation, is still quaking from his fact-finding evening with North Warwickshire Constabulary. He found himself in a high-speed chase after ram-raiders, then on a burglary investigation.

Afterwards he accompanied officers on a further call — to help a family who had run out of petrol.

Tank warfare

AFTER THE American animal-rights lobby gave us "Free Willy", here comes "Free Spike". The cause of Spike is close to the heart of film actress Mary Tyler Moore. Instead of a captive whale, she is campaigning on behalf of a 12½lb lobster, aged 65, which is the star attraction of Gladstones 4 fish restaurant in Malibu, California.

—Backed by the group People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, the actress is offering $1,000 "ransom" for the crustacean pensioner. "Although I do not pretend to know precisely how Spike feels living in a small tank away from his natural habitat," admits Tyler Moore, "I am sure that by whatever means a lobster feels and understands its surroundings, this one would prefer to be back home in his native waters off the coast of Maine."



Tyler Moore: lobster lover

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JUST DESERTS

When will the UN and Nato end their destructive feud?

For weeks now, the Bosnian Serbs have been defying the United Nations and Nato without incurring retaliation. They have intensified their bombardment of Sarajevo regardless of the heavy weapons exclusion zone around the city, and shelled another "safe area", Bihac. The Serb air attacks on Bihac and the neighbouring town of Cazin, intolerable as they are, mark an escalation of this deliberate tactic of testing the UN's resolve. They are not a new departure. Nato must not limit its response to the Udbina airbase in Croatia from which the aircraft took off. Politically as well as militarily, it is even more urgent to silence the Serbs' artillery in all Bosnia's "safe areas" — starting with Bihac, before the enclave is overrun with all the civilian suffering that would entail.

The UN Protection Force must, simultaneously, take much firmer action on other fronts, if it is to recover the credibility it must have to carry out its humanitarian mandate, and which it has largely forfeited through its publicised reluctance to use force when obstructed. The Bosnian Serbs are blocking not only convoys carrying humanitarian relief to civilians, but shipments of oil and other supplies without which Unprofor cannot carry out its mandate. In and around Sarajevo, Unprofor has solicited Serb co-operation; the reward has been Serb contempt. With anti-tank missiles hitting Sarajevo government buildings this weekend, the response of the Pale government to UN entreaties was to switch off the fax link. As for Bihac, the Serbs have prevented even medicines and small arms reaching the Bangladeshi UN battalion there, let alone food and fuel for the population.

The UN and Nato are hopelessly at odds, and the command-and-control structure is hopelessly convoluted. The power to decide whether and when to call in Nato, and the targets it is authorised to attack, resides neither with Nato nor with Unprofor field commanders, where it logically belongs, but with the UN Secretary-General's civilian representative in former Yugoslavia. The effect is paralysis.

This was demonstrated afresh on Friday. In a rare initiative by Unprofor, General Bertrand de Lapresle, the overall commander in Bosnia, called for a Nato response to the first Serb airstrikes. Nothing happened, whether because Nato lacked properly equipped ground personnel in Bihac or because the UN in Zagreb insisted on clarifying the legal position. On Saturday, after the second Serb bombing attack, the Security Council cleared Nato to attack targets in Serb-held Croatia. But no fresh UN resolution was required for Nato to destroy the Bosnian Serb artillery batteries to the southeast of the town. Yet even then, the UN did not request such action by Nato, although the Canadian commander in Bihac appealed to his superiors to do all they could to stop what he rightly described as "outrageous violations of international law".

Willy Claes, the Nato secretary-general, said yesterday that airstrikes are the only way to send "a very clear and strong signal to the Serbs that this is enough and it must stop". It should have been sent weeks ago. Nato, he said, could act at once. France and Germany strongly support the American demand for an attack on Udbina; the French want Nato to take out Serb artillery as well. Yesterday's weather conditions were excellent. But Nato was forced to hold fire until Unprofor chiefs in Zagreb to made up their minds. Crossed lines between Nato and the UN aggravate the West's political differences over Bosnia. This can and must be resolved: failure provides the Bosnian Serbs a charter for continued aggression.

CRIME, INC

Wanted: a 'no safe havens' policy to fight transnational crime

Not for nothing are Italy's magistrates its popular heroes. Their courage in bringing Mafia and Camorra godfathers to justice started a process of national regeneration. Brave men, including Giovanni Falcone, paid with their lives. Those deaths shocked Italians into revolt against the endemic corruption which had given organised crime its protective cover. Italy has secured convictions against more leading Mafiosi in the past two years than in the previous four decades. But the increasingly transnational character of the syndicates' operations means that no country can hope to defeat them with purely national means.

The first United Nations conference at ministerial level on transnational crime opens today in the appropriate setting of Naples. Its aim is to encourage governments to catch up with the organised crime fraternity, which has modernised its operations more rapidly and skilfully than have the institutions for crime prevention, detection and law enforcement. Groups may recruit in one country, obtain supplies in another, sell in several others and launder the proceeds through a string of tax havens and electronic transfers. As the established Western financial centres adopt more stringent controls to prevent money-laundering, they are turning to the fast-growing and ill-regulated markets in Asia or Latin America.

Gangs which once fought over territory now think of global markets. Their combined annual sales are estimated at £500 billion, larger than the gross domestic product of many countries; the Cali cartel in Colombia has three times the turnover of General Motors. Traditionally insular, they are now making deals with each other. The Colombian cartels linked up with Nigerian drug-runners in the 1980s; Chinese triads have networks the length of the Silk Route; the Mafia is advising Russian gangs on money-laundering. If they are to outmanoeuvre "Crime Inc", governments need to link up as effectively as the criminals.

The only way is to deprive them of "safe havens" by closing loopholes in national legislation. A start was made in 1988, with a UN convention on drug-trafficking which binds states to share intelligence, facilitate extradition, criminalise money-laundering and supply training to countries that need it. But the gangs have diversified; up to half the traffic is now in other areas, ranging from white slavery and the smuggling of illegal immigrants to trafficking in arms, nuclear material, body parts and endangered species. They are moving rapidly into computer-related crime.

Every step towards better co-ordination of the fight against crime runs, however, into concerns about sovereignty. Interpol is an information exchange network, with no powers of investigation. An OECD Financial Action Task Force has come up with 40 sound rules to prevent money-laundering, but only half the OECD's 26 members abide by them. The fledgeling Europol is not Europe's equivalent of the FBI. The UN's tiny crime branch can act only as a catalyst for decisions by governments.

Italy strongly supports the UN's case for a new convention to define what constitutes transnational crime, improve exchanges of information and make it easier to investigate, arrest and prosecute criminals and seize their assets. Britain is sceptical, preferring unspecified "practical measures" to a new convention. Were the existing rules adequate, this stance would be reasonable, but they are not. A coherent global crime policy cannot be assured by treaty, but by setting out rules within which to work, a treaty would increase the pressure on governments to work together. A start can and should be made in Naples this week.

A LIBERTY TOO FAR

Home leave should be a privilege, not a right

The Home Secretary, Michael Howard, has announced a series of measures which could help to reassure the public that the penal system is not soft on criminals. Privileges in prison will have to be earned by good behaviour. Conditions of imprisonment should be decent but not unduly luxurious. Existing powers to confiscate the profits of crime will be strengthened: for those guilty of a series of offences, all the property which has passed through their hands in the previous six years will be assumed to have come from crime.

But his most radical proposal is a drastic reduction in home leave for prisoners. At present, 90-100,000 home leaves a year are granted in a prison population of around 50,000. The liberal use of home leave was introduced in the 1991 Criminal Justice Act, in response to Lord Woolf's report on the Strangeways riot. Prior to that, two weekend and five-day leaves were permitted during the last nine months of a sentence. Now all but the most dangerous prisoners are entitled to be considered for home leave. The penalty for absconding was also reduced, from 108 to 28 days' loss of remission.

This time at home was intended to reduce stress and aggression within prisons, as well as helping to maintain ties with the outside world. But within two years, abuse of the new system has aroused serious misgivings. Some prisoners were breaking the conditions of their release or absconding altogether, and around 2 per cent were reoffending — sometimes violently — while on leave. Mr Howard now plans to cut home leave provision by about 40 per cent and tighten procedures for assessing risk to the public. A new criminal offence will be created of breaking conditions of leave: an offender will not simply lose remission on his present sentence for absconding but will become subject to a separate prosecution.

The proposals have already come under predictable attack. Paul Cavadino, chairman of the Penal Affairs Consortium, has said that the changes "seem to be aimed as much at satisfying public punitiveness as at ensuring public safety". Mr Howard should be wary of setting precise percentage guidelines; prison reforms are notoriously prone to swings of the pendulum that go too far in either direction. But some rebalancing is required.

Under the new system, only three forms of leave would be left to at the discretion of prison governors: compassionate leave in cases of grave family crisis, short periods at the end of a long sentence to help readjustment to normal life, and training leave. Mr Howard hopes to reduce the need for the third category by providing more training courses within prison which will help to realise his goal of making prisons places of "purposive activity rather than corrupting lethargy". It is also right that they should be seen to be places of deserved punishment.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Corruption in Europe and Major's duty to electorate

From Mr Christopher Jackson

Sir, "Corrupt to the core", the headline of your leading article on EC fraud says on November 16, but who is corrupt? Not the Brussels Commission, as the headline appears to imply. The corruption came from relatively few citizens in all member states, implicitly aided by those governments which have not made fraud against the EC a criminal offence.

Governments are at the heart of it. Britain and, usually, France. The Netherlands and Germany have fought fraud. But who agreed and promoted the programmes that present the opportunity for fraud? The member states. Who for long denied the Commission's request for more manpower resources for fighting fraud? The member states. Who, year after year, insisted on increasing agricultural expenditure, against the past wishes of the Commission, the European Parliament and Britain? The member states.

Against this background, leaving "all farm subsidies up to national governments" would be no panacea, but could be a recipe for disaster without more efficient control from Brussels, ensuring a level playing field, and that support went to people, not products.

Member states are culpable, and you are right that there is a strong case for an external examination of the way in which they and the Commission discharge their financial responsibilities to the taxpayers of the EU. We also need penalties that will hit states which feel that while others pay they need not worry — and more of the process which John Major started in Edinburgh two years ago, relating EU net contributions increasingly to relative GDP.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER JACKSON
(MEP for Kent East (European People's Party Parliamentary Group (Conservative)), 1979-94).
8 Wellmeade Drive, Sevenoaks, Kent.
November 17.

From Mr Anthony Quick

Sir, How many votes will Mr Major win in the country by trying to railroad through Parliament a Bill, one of whose certain effects will be to force the elector, on whom he has heaped new taxes, to finance some fraud and much waste (report, November 17)?

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY QUICK.
Corbin, Scorriton,
Buckfastleigh, Devon.
November 17.

From Mr Richard O'Sullivan

Sir, No doubt Mr Major will obtain his whipped vote of confidence on the Bill to increase Britain's contribution to the European budget. Where there is no confidence in his policy, however, is in the country amongst those like myself who have always voted Conservative at general elections from free choice.

Socialist-style regionally-slanted redistribution of wealth is what Conservative governments since 1979 specifically have eschewed, both within the UK and in the embryo Euro-super state.

By such a betrayal the Major Government courts the peace of the political graveyard.

Yours sincerely,
RICHARD O'SULLIVAN
(President, Harwich Constituency Conservative Association, 1990-93),
Parkgate Farm, Little Clacton, Essex.
November 17.

From Mr Mike Stephens

Sir, The attempt at a pro-Europe argument by Sir Anthony Meyer ("Major's European challenge", November 18) highlights the failure of the pro-Europe lobby to win the argument with the public. He admits that the French and others dislike interference from Brussels, but then fails to tell us what he is going to do about it. Or does the pro-Europe lobby support such interference?

In a week when the EU's own auditors reported the existence of massive fraud, with a pathetic official response, Sir Anthony should not be surprised at the public's reluctance to accept Europe as it is.

Yours faithfully,
MIKE STEPHENS,
9 Harvey Close,
Thorpe St Andrew, Norwich, Norfolk.
November 18.

From Mr Jeremy Bath

Sir, Mr Major's stance in regard to increased payments to the EU surely deserves a charge of double standards.

In his 1992 election manifesto Mr Major promised the electorate he would not increase taxes — a promise broken with apparent impunity.

In his agreement with EU colleagues Mr Major committed the electorate to an even greater tax burden without first obtaining the authority of the country's elected representatives to do so. Now he seeks to enforce that agreement by what amounts to little short of political blackmail.

How can this man be trusted by the electorate ever again?

Yours sincerely,
JEREMY BATH,
Apartment 1, Unicorn House,
The Village, Prestbury, Cheshire.

From Mr J. C. Stott

Sir, What a peculiar Government this is. When the Chancellor takes on the Italians over their colossal milk frauds (report, October 22; letters, October 28) he surrenders at the first whiff of grapeshot. When it comes to shovelling more taxpayers' money into the hands of the EU the Government proposes to bully its backbenchers into submission by the threat of a dissolution.

Has there ever been a Government more contemptuous of British interests?

Yours faithfully,
J. C. STOTT,
Bleak House, Coppenhall, Stafford.

Sweden's 'yes' vote

From the Reverend John Papworth

Sir, With the Swedish "yes" vote on Europe it is all smiles and celebrations in Brussels. But your report (November 14) indicates that many people appear to have decided to vote "yes" only in the last two days of the referendum campaign.

This accords well with the barrage of full-page advertising in the Swedish press taken by the "yes" campaigners a few days before the voting, presumably financed by top levels of industry as well as by the Brusselariat itself.

This has now become an established pattern for the holding of Euro-referendums in different countries: massive inputs of money to finance propaganda from those with an interest in putting the Euro-circus on the road and keeping it there, sums which are far beyond the resources of the mainly private citizen bodies which seek to stop this presumptuous destruction of their national sovereignties.

It may be noted that even a table tennis club would ordinarily insist on a two-thirds majority of those members who might wish to change its rules. Yet despite the imbalance of resources the results are only able to show hairsbreadth voting majorities above 50 per cent.

Democracy is taken to be operative when every adult person has the power to vote, but these referendums show the extent to which the power of the vote has been marginalised by the development of new forms of power, forms which are now playing ducks and drakes with the destinies of European nations for purely economic objectives.

With respect,
JOHN PAPWORTH (Editor),
Fourth World Review,
24 Abercorn Place, NW8.
November 14.

From Mr Harvey Wolfson

Sir, I was greatly disappointed at the news that the people of Sweden had narrowly opted to join the EU.

I'll now miss the follow-up "just to make sure" referendum that takes place when there is a "no" vote.

Yours sincerely,
H. WOLFSON,
9 Dalkeith Grove,
Stanmore, Middlesex.

Road congestion

From Lord Vernon

Sir, Mr David MacKenzie's excellent proposals (letter, November 8) for reducing both urban and non-urban road congestion deserve serious consideration by ministers.

Dr Mawhinney's reported rejection out of hand of one of the principal recommendations of the recent report of the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution, viz that the motorway programme should be halted, is astonishing.

Indeed the arrogance of the Department of Transport in pressing ahead with this programme in accordance with its own very questionable standards of road building and regardless of the welfare of the people whose lives are adversely affected knows no bounds.

It will argue of course that it does so only after a full public inquiry. But, as many of us know to our cost, the scales in such inquiries are heavily weighted in the department's favour.

Yours faithfully,
VERNON.
Sudbury House,
Sudbury, Derbyshire.
November 10.

Breaking the square

From Mr W. A. Miller

Sir, No doubt the historical background to your interesting report (November 9) on the sale of the VC awarded to Lieutenant Marling for his rescue of Private Morley in the Sudan was checked carefully.

However, I have always understood that Kipling's wonderful poem, "Fuzzy Wuzzy", some verses of which you quote, commemorates the breaking of the square of the Royal Sussex Regiment at Abu Klea on January 17, 1885, rather than the battle of Tamaai (March 13, 1884).

Certainly both the King's Royal Rifle Corps (Lieutenant Marling's regiment) and the Royal Sussex (Private Morley's) took part in the action at Abu Klea, but the Royal Sussex were not at Tamaai. The possibility that individual members of the Royal Sussex were also present at Tamaai clearly cannot be discounted; but Abu Klea is the more likely action to have been commemorated by Kipling.

Yours faithfully,
W. A. MILLER,
54 Farringdon Road, Cullercoats,
North Shields, Tyne and Wear.

Out-of-town shops

From Mr George Curtis

Sir, Mr Robert Savage (letter, November 12) states that the rise of out-of-town shops may be attributed to the professional planners losing the battle "to a retail industry whose brilliant marketing strategy has been aided by a government committed to market-led principles".

They undoubtedly have lost, but lost on most occasions to the only lawful form of corruption left in the United Kingdom, which is that phenomenon known to its apologists as "planning gain".

This is essentially very simple: I, in order to be allowed to do something which I would otherwise not be allowed to do, will do something for you which will soften you up/ease your conscience/get round you.

To be allowed to build a supermarket we will construct you a by-pass/replace the football stadium/supply sites for low-cost homes so needed in your community, fund a sports centre to clear the streets of tearaways, so great and genuine are our concerns for the public weal.

Thus are the ways by which the votes of local politicians are bought: that they may, in turn, buy yours, and so remain in office, which, at the end of the day, is all that the bulk of them, now that they are so politicised, care about. Though no money changes hands it is as inherently corrupt as "wadding" each and every councillor, and should be made illegal.

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE CURTIS,
Dalebrook House,
Dedham, Colchester, Essex.
November 12.

Sex education

From Dr T. G. Stammers

Sir, My wife and I were both proud to be virgins when we married. The motivation behind this was not fear, but a reasoned decision that this was the most sensible and fulfilling sexual lifestyle we could adopt. We have never regretted it, and that is why we commend it to others.

In my medical practice as a GP, I find no conflict in advocating premarital abstinence as the best option, and yet providing confidential and non-judgmental contraceptive advice to those who choose a different path.

I do not know which anonymous pro-chastity texts Ms Debra Haffner of the Sex Information and Education Council of the United States is slating, as quoted in your report of November 15; but my own recent book, *Sex and Intimacy*, far from being "riddled with misinformation", is referenced with hundreds of original papers and has a foreword by the only professor of family planning in the UK.

Perhaps Ms Haffner would like to answer its arguments, rather than seeking to censor those of us who view sex education differently from the Family Planning Association.

Yours faithfully,
TREVOR G. STAMMERS,
The Church Lane Practice,
2 Church Lane, Merton Park, SW19.
November 16.

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The anxiety factor

From Mr Bill Callaghan

Sir, The former director of personnel at the NHS, describing the basis of the new approach to public management, writes (Public Management, November 17) that "the new bottom line has been the undermining of job security in the public sector" and that "when all else fails, anxiety is the most effective motivator".

No room here for treating people as the organisation's most important asset or any of the other enlightened phrases that pepper management literature.

I suppose it must be true that if management threaten enough people with the sack they will have some impact, especially when unemployment is high. But there is absolutely no evidence that this is the way to achieve world-class standards of performance. The best firms in the private sector are increasingly recognising that they have to offer their workers security in change.

The need to improve the quality of public services is a challenge that should be faced by public-sector managers and trade unions alike but the model of short-term contracts, high transactions costs and job insecurity is no way forward.

Yours sincerely,
BILL CALLAGHAN
(Head, Economic and Social Affairs Department),
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Congress House,
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November 17.

Training laity to conduct funerals

From the Reverend Dr Peter Jupp, Director of the National Funerals College

Sir, You report (November 12) Bishop Geoffrey Rowell as calling for trained lay people to help to conduct funeral services because the declining numbers of clergy cannot cope with a rise in cremations. While it is true that 70 per cent of funerals last year involved cremation, the proportion has risen only 5 per cent since 1980, so the rise in cremations cannot be the sole cause.

Despite the time limits placed on crematorium funerals by local authorities, mourners can now at least have one cleric for each.

A very rough estimate might be that over 70 per cent of English funerals are conducted by Anglican clergy. Whilst I doubt that many funeral directors, registrars or crematorium staff will wish to conduct funerals, Anglican good will (of which there is no shortage) could permit funerals to be conducted by trained lay people, especially bereavement counsellors, and the sharing of the task with ministers of other denominations.

Mourners deserve (and pay for) funeral rites that enable them to come to terms with their loss and to receive ritual and communal support in beginning a new stage of their lives. What the dead deserve from a funeral is a service that does them justice: a celebration of their past life; a respectful commitment of their body to the elements of earth or fire; an affirmation of whatever account of the afterlife is consistent with their religious convictions and those of the grieving community.

These tasks are not performed creatively without good training. Nor are they performed by clergy working on their own. Funerals play a major part in shaping our attitudes to death. If the churches see the problem in terms of clerical availability alone, funerals will fail in achieving the full range of their purpose.

Yours faithfully,
PETER JUPP (Director,
The National Funerals College),
Braddan House, High Street,
Diddington, Stamford, Lincolnshire.
November 17.

From Mr Frederick J. Barrell

Sir, Your report makes no specific mention of Readers (commonly called lay Readers), a body of men and women regulated by canon law, whose number may exceed that of clergymen and women in charge of our parish churches. All have been trained in the traditional subjects of Old and New Testament, the Prayer Book and Church history. Many have had further training in pastoral work, counselling and communication.

An increasing number are being trained in the conduct of funerals. Surely some might be used more while courses for funeral directors and other lay people are being formulated.

The obvious need must be met in places where the bereaved live; continuing care by the vicar or ministers of other denominations is essential. Can this be expected of funeral directors?

Yours etc,
FREDK. J. BARRELL
(Member, Central Readers' Conference Executive, 1981-89),
58 Stanton Road,
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November 14.

New Forest services

From Mr Paul Turner

Sir, Jan and Sheila Page (letter, November 15) are deluding themselves if they believe that a unitary New Forest will allow them to "truly influence" local services if the library service is taken as an example.

At present requests for books are referred to County Library Headquarters in Winchester. If the New Forest is a unitary authority, requests for these books will either have to be passed to the South West Regional Library System at Bristol or to the British Library Lending Division at Boston Spa, Yorkshire. This will increase costs by ten times and will hardly do anything to increase local accountability.

Yours etc,
PAUL TURNER
(County Librarian, Hampshire),
County Library Headquarters,
81 North Walls,
Winchester, Hampshire.
November 16.

Up in arms

From Mr Peter G. Embrey

Sir, I beg leave to dissent from the opinion that the Thatcher arms (report and illustration, November 18) display "restraint and conventionality".

An anonymous admiral may be all very well as a supporter: she was, after all, the political suprema of the navy in the late unpleasantness in the Falklands. But for Sir Isaac Newton, a real historical figure of peerless eminence and renown, to be symbolically relegated to the menial position of propping up her lozenge evinces conceit and egotism on a scale that beggars the imagination.

Yours faithfully,
PETER EMBREY,
19 Edith Road, Barons Court, W14.
November 18.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

November 19: The Princess Royal, Patron, Scottish Rugby Union, accompanied by Commander Timothy Laurence, RN, today officially opened the redeveloped Murrayfield Stadium and attended the International Rugby Match between Scotland and South Africa at Murrayfield and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for the City of Edinburgh (Mr Norman Irons, the Rt Hon the Lord Provost).

Her Royal Highness, Patron, Scottish Rugby Union, and President, The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, accompanied by Commander Timothy Laurence, RN, this evening attended a Dinner to launch Scottish Rugby Union's involvement with The Princess Royal Trust for Carers at Prestonfield House, Edinburgh.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

November 20: By Command of The Queen, the Lord Lucas of Crudwell (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London, this morning upon the Arrival of the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas and Lady Darling and welcomed Their Excellencies on behalf of Her Majesty.

By Command of The Queen, the Lord Lucas of Crudwell (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London, this afternoon upon the Arrival of the President of the Arab Republic of Egypt and welcomed His Excellency on behalf of Her Majesty.

By Command of The Queen, the Lord Lucas of Crudwell (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London, this evening upon the Departure of The President of the Republic of Fiji and Adi Lady Lala Mara and bade farewell to His Excellency and Adi Lady Lala Mara on behalf of Her Majesty.

Birthdays today

Mr Coningsby Allday, chemical engineer, 74; Miss Beryl Bainbridge, writer, 60; Mrs Georgina Battiscombe, author, 89; Earl Beatty, 48; Mr Roy Boulting, film producer, 81; Miss Tina Brown, editor, New Yorker, 41; Mr J.D. Bullmore, a director, WPP Group, 65; Miss Amelia Freedman, founder, Nash Ensemble, 54; Mr Nickolas Grace, actor, 47; Dr Michael Grant, classical historian, 80; Miss Goldie Hawn, actress, 49; Mr Stanley Kalms, founder, Dixons Group, 63; Mr Jacques Laffite, racing driver, 51; Mr Peter Liddle, racehorse trainer, 58; Miss Natalia Makarova, ballerina, 54; Mr Tim Robinson, cricketer, 36; Earl Waldegrave, KG, 89; Mr Malcolm Williamson, Master of the Queen's Music, 64; Viscount Younger of Leckie, 88.

Royal engagements

The Queen will attend a royal film performance at the Odeon Cinema, Leicester Square, at 8.00 in aid of the Cinema and Television Benevolent Fund.

The Duke of Kent will present the Association for Business Sponsorship of the Arts awards at the National Theatre at 11.45.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Voltaire, philosopher, man of letters, scientist, Paris, 1694; Samuel Cunard, shipowner, Halifax, Nova Scotia, 1787; Walter William Skeat, etymologist, London 1835; Sir Leslie Ward (Spy), caricaturist, London, 1851; Sir Arthur Quiller-Couch, man of letters, Bodmin, 1863; Arthur "Harpo" Marx, actor and comedian, New York, 1888; René Magritte, surrealist painter, Lessines, Belgium, 1898; Coleman Hawkins, jazz musician, St Joseph, Missouri, 1904.

DEATHS: Sir Thomas Gresham, founder of the Royal Exchange, London, 1579; Henry Purcell, composer, London, 1695; James Hogg, writer, the "Ettrick Shepherd", Altrive, Borders, 1835; Franz Joseph I, Emperor of Austria and King of Hungary, Vienna, 1916; Hermann Sudermann, writer, Berlin, 1928; James Barry Hertzog, Prime Minister of South Africa 1924-39, Pretoria, 1942; Sir Chandrasekhara Raman, physicist, Nobel laureate 1930, Bangalore, India, 1970.

The first free flight in a balloon was made, Paris, 1783.

North Carolina became the 12th state of the Union, 1818.

Thomas Hancock patented vulcanised rubber, 1843.

Nature notes



The mistle-thrush

A FEW late swallows have been reported: they will soon be in South Africa. There have also been one or two red-rumped swallows on the East Coast: this is a Mediterranean species with a pink underside and rump, and a plaintive cry. More song-thrushes are singing in the morning, marking out a winter territory that they may abandon when it gets colder.

The churring cries of mistle-thrushes are heard as they fight over ivy berries and holly berries. Large numbers of starlings have now come in from the Continent and travel around in flocks; most of the British starlings are still in their territories and some have been making perfunctory attempts at nesting in the mild weather.

There are still green leaves on many alder trees: they share the twigs with this year's black seed-cones and next year's hard purple catkins, so the branches are very crowded. On grey sallow and great sallow, there are fat brown buds along the twigs: inside, a small silver catkin lies curled up. The white flowers of convolvulus, or greater bindweed, continue to sprawl over the hedges, and many sturdy, flowering specimens of hogweed can still be found.

DJM



MARTIN BEDDALL

Richard Stephens, younger son of Mrs H.M. Stephens and the late Mr W.L. Stephens, married Katharine Hull, elder daughter of Judge Hull, QC, and Mrs Hull at the Little Oratory, London, on Saturday

Industrial heritage 'lost without record'

BY NORMAN HAMMOND, ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

EVIDENCE of Britain's industrial past is being destroyed faster than it can be recorded, according to the Council for British Archaeology. First-grade buildings from the Industrial Revolution and the peak of Britain's Victorian prosperity, including mills, mines and brewery maltings, are being demolished even after being listed for their historic importance.

A report from the council says: "The pace of change is best illustrated by the coal industry, a central part of British life throughout the 19th century and for much of the 20th. In 1947, 950 pits were in operation, many developed together with mining towns and villages, forming single huge units of archaeological value. Almost all of this has now gone without record."

The council notes in British Archaeological News that in England only 24 mining-associated sites have been recorded in detail, all since 1992, and in Scotland the last six pits were documented before four were demolished.

"Even listed buildings have been destroyed, with English Heritage acquiescence," the council claims.

Among the losses is the 1923 Koepe winding mechanism at Murton Colliery in Co Durham, bulldozed earlier this year. The spinning mill at Fergusiie Thread Works in Paisley was razed in 1992, in spite of its architectural merit. Built in the French Renaissance style in 1887, it was "the finest example of a Late Victorian cotton thread works in Scotland", according to the Scottish Royal Commission. The machinery was smashed and sold for scrap.

A survey in Hertfordshire shows that since 1966, 63 per cent of the paper mills and 78 per cent of the breweries — evidence for two of the principal traditional industries in the county — have been destroyed. "Part of the problem is an inadequate database of industrial sites," the council says.

A central register has now been launched by the Association for Industrial Archaeology, and English Heritage is carrying out research to decide which sites should be given statutory protection. "Archaeologists have had to work hard and fast to create a framework for protection," the council says, "but it has been a race against the clock, and the clock is still ticking away."

☐ Source: British Archaeological News 18: 6-7

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy and Royal Marines

CAPTAIN: R J Lord - Gibraltar 28.4.95; P J Organ - The Hague 10.3.95

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Retirements

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL: R Turner - 2.2.95

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Judge retires

Judge Worthington has retired from the Circuit Bench on the South Eastern Circuit.

Library opens doors for young

BY DALYA ALBERGE
ARTS CORRESPONDENT

A LIBRARY in a derelict area of Monklands, Strathclyde, where high unemployment has been exacerbated by the closure of the Ravenscraig steelworks, has been recognised with an award for its imaginative work in keeping teenagers off the streets.

Vandalism has dropped by 23 per cent since Petersburn Library and Teenage Drop-in Centre opened three years ago. Its facilities include a free recording studio and instruments for young people to make music, video-editing technology, guitars for them to borrow as part of the usual lending service, circus skills workshops, poetry classes and a computer club.

The centre has won the £5,000 1994 Library Association community initiative award for its experimental work with teenagers, presented in association with Holt Jackson Book Company.

Lindsay McKrell, the community librarian, said: "This is a community library that lives up to its name. We've put a lot of effort into welcoming people who don't normally use libraries." The teenage drop-in centre, which enables the library to play a central role in the community, is an experiment which the library staff believe should be repeated elsewhere.

Petersburn is based in an area with the highest percentage of teenagers per head of population in Scotland. Some 62 per cent of the unemployed are aged below 34. Most live on depressingly characterless estates. Fraser Hynd, 19, said: "Before the centre opened, there was absolutely nothing to do after school, except hang around the streets." The area has only a few shops and a pub. Lesley Murray, 14, said: "It's made a lot of difference to the area; we used to hang about and get into trouble."

The association, pointing out that the Government is conducting a review of the role of the public library, has singled out Petersburn as "a shining example of the way forward for libraries".

Marriages

Dr E.P.R. Currie and Dr D.M.H. Gnjesda

The marriage took place on Friday, November 11, at Binningen, Switzerland, of Edward Currie, son of Mr and Mrs Hugh Currie, of Highgate, London, to Daniela Gnjesda, daughter of Herr Josef Gnjesda and the late Frau Theresa Gnjesda, of Vienna.

Mr M. Frost and Miss K.J. Birchall

The marriage took place on Saturday, November 19, at Holy Trinity, Brompton, of Matthew, younger son of Christopher and Helga Frost, of Godalming, and Katharine, younger daughter of Mark and Iona Birchall, of Wandsworth. The Reverend J.A.K. Millar officiated.

The bride was attended by Michelle Wilson and Lucy Wainwright. Mr Joshua Rey was best man.

Mr L.J. Ghosh and Miss C.E. Waring

The marriage took place on November 19, in Lincoln's Inn Chapel, of Mr Julian Ghosh, eldest son of Dr and Mrs Utpal Ghosh, of Dundee, Angus, to Miss Catherine Waring, youngest daughter of Mrs Kathleen Waring, of Wokingham, Berkshire, and her late husband Harold.

The bride was attended by Miss Katie Laredo, Madelaine Dixon, Hannah Robson and Emma-Jane Waring. Mr Rupert Baldry was best man.

Captain D.B. Nolan, RN, and Mrs R. A. Seaward

The marriage took place on November 5 at the Church of St Michael and All Angels, Blackford, of David Belfield Nolan, of the Old Stables, Woolstone, North Cadbury, Somerset, and Robina Anne Seaward.

Mr R.J. Stephens and Miss K.J. Hull

The marriage took place on Saturday, November 19, 1994, at The Little Oratory, Brompton Road, SW7, between Mr Richard Stephens, younger son of Mrs H.M. Stephens and the late Mr W.L. Stephens, of Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, and Miss Katharine Hull, elder daughter of His Honour Judge John Hull, QC, and Mrs Hull, of Reigate, Surrey.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr W.J. Averdieck and Miss S.J. Crozier

The engagement is announced between William, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Michael Averdieck, of Carworth, Cambridgeshire, and Sally, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Rawdon Crozier, of Wickham Market, Suffolk.

Mr N.P. Bacon and Miss J.C. Watt

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, only son of Mr and Mrs Colin Bacon, of Fritton, Norfolk, and Harare, Zimbabwe, and Joanna, only daughter of Mr James Watt, of Putney, London, and Mrs Elizabeth Huhne, of Chelsea, London.

Mr N.D.B. Johnson and Miss J.M. Wedgwood

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, only son of Mr and Mrs Bernard Johnson, of Woodbridge, Suffolk, and Julia, elder daughter of Sir Martin and Lady Wedgwood, of Dorking, Surrey.

Mr D.M. Jones and Miss C.J. Morgans

The engagement is announced between Dominic, eldest son of Mr B. Jones and Mrs W.R. Jones, of Askham Bryan, York, and Stogursey, Somerset, and Catherine, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.M. Morgans, of Hong Kong, and Llyswen, Wales.

Dinners

Savoy Gastronomes

The Savoy Gastronomes held their annual dinner at the Garrick Club on Saturday. Mr Christian Duffell, president, was in the chair.

Magen David Adom

Mrs Selma Fenton, Chairman of the Functions Committee of Magen David Adom, presided at the annual dinner held last night at the Hyatt Carlton Tower Hotel. Sir Sigmund Sternberg was the guest speaker. Among those present were:

Lord and Lady Woolf, Lord and Lady Wolfson, Lady Sternberg, Professor and Mrs Gerald Westbury and Mr and Mrs Sidney Corob.

People and Places

"Pericles and I", a soirée in the People and Places series in aid of the Royal Marsden Hospital Children's Appeal, will be held at Marylebone Parish Church, London NW1, on December 6. Tickets and further information are available from Mrs Iris Banham-Lee, president, People and Places, tel 0225 318 547.

Latest wills

Miss Phyllis Oswald Kerr, of Polegate, East Sussex, left estate valued at £1,023,222 net.

She left a number of personal bequests and £5,000 each to Berwick Parish Church, the PDSA, and the Cancer Research Campaign, £4,000 each to the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association, and the RNIB, £2,000 each to the Royal Naval and Royal Marine Children's Home, Portsmouth, Lady Hoare Appeal for Thalidomide Children and the National Council for the Unmarried Mother and her Child, and £5,000 and half the residue to the RSPCA, and £2,000 and half the residue to the Animal Health Trust.

Mr Douglas Steele Chadwick, of Blackpool, Lancashire, left estate valued at £4,899,757 net.

Service dinners

British Liaison and Movements Staff

Colonel A.S. Feldman and Officers of the British Liaison and Movements Staff Territorial Army held their regimental dinner on Saturday at the Prince William of Gloucester Barracks, Grantham. Lieutenant-Colonel C.W.M. Milner-Williams presided. Colonel M. McHenry, US Army, Colonel T.M. Macartney and Colonel M.N. Woodford were the principal guests.

22nd Regiment Royal Artillery (The Welsh Gunners)

The annual reunion dinner was held by the officers of 22nd Regiment Royal Artillery (The Welsh Gunners) in the Officers' Mess, Rapier Barracks, Kirton in Lindsey, on Saturday, November 19. Major General M.F.I. Shellard, CBE, Honorary Regimental Colonel, was in attendance.

RAF Airfield Construction Officers' Association

Lieutenant-Colonel Tom Mitchell and PC Paul Hamlin were the principal guests at the annual reunion dinner of the RAF Airfield Construction Officers' Association held on Saturday at the RAF Club, Piccadilly. Mr Peter Donaldson presided.

University news

City

The OBE (Honorary) has been awarded to Professor Costas Th Grammenos of City University Business School, London. The medal was presented earlier this month by the British ambassador to Greece at a ceremony in Athens. Professor Grammenos is being honoured for his "valuable work over the years for Britain's relations within the world of international shipping and finance and for developing links between London and Piraeus".

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BIRTHS

CLOWES - On November 10th 1994, to Elizabeth (née Forster) and David, a son, William Oliver David Garfit, a brother for Edward.

HYAMS - On Sunday 13th November 1994, to Angela (née Dowding) and Graham, a son, Robert Edward Michael, a sister to Alicia Margaret.

OLIVER - On November 16th 1994, in Paris, to Gwenola (née Péray) and Gerry, a daughter, Jade Yvelise Gwen.

ROBERTS - On 16th November, to Lucy (née Collier) and John, a son, Edward James, a brother for Emma.

DEATHS

BRIDER - On 18th November peacefully at home, the Reverend C. L. L. (Laurie) Binder, much beloved husband and friend of Joyce, devoted and adored father of Ann and the late Peter, and loving grandfather of Sarah, Olivia and Charles. There will be a service of thanksgiving for his life and Ministry at St Mary's Church, West Kensington, W14 on Tuesday 29th November at 2.30pm. A thanksgiving service and interment of ashes will be held at St Lawrence Church, Jersey on Monday 5th December at 2.00pm. Family flowers only please but if desired donations to the Slavic Gospel Association or Dr Hall's Equipment Fund at Wilton Health Centre. Details from Chris White, 0722 790760.

EQAL - On 17th November peacefully at home, Robert Buell aged 83. Deeply loved husband of Elspeth. Loving and greatly loved father of Iain and Barbara. Adored grandfather of Jamie, Victoria, Hanna and Sam. Funeral service at Southampton Crematorium, Friday 25th November at 2.30pm East Chapel. Family flowers only but donations if desired to Alzheimer's Disease Society, c/o J Lawrence & Sons (undertakers) Ltd, 17 St Denys Road, Portswood, Southampton SO17 2GN.

DEATHS

FEDERMAN - On November 17th, peacefully, at Trinity Hospice, Clapham, John George, aged 82. Much loved by Tanya and Jo. Funeral Tuesday 22nd at 4.00pm, Mortlake Crematorium. Donations to Trinity Hospice.

GAMBRELL - On November 16th, suddenly at home in Sevenoaks, Dorset, aged 78, much loved wife of Dudley for 51 years and mother of Judith and Richard and grandmother of Guy and Nicholas. Private cremation. Thanksgiving service at St Mary's, Kippington on 6th December at 2.00pm. No flowers but donations to The Children's Society, c/o Chappell & Sons, 27 London Road, Sevenoaks.

GANE - Jean Creagh (Scully), much loved mother of Gillian, Susan and Lucinda, died suddenly 17th November 1994. Service at Putney Vale Crematorium 25th November 1 pm. Friends welcome. No flowers please.

HOLLOWAY - On November 17th, peacefully, at Galsworthy House, George Thomas Holloway. Beloved husband, father, grandad and friend. Service on 22nd November at 11.00am, Holy Trinity, Roehampton. Family flowers only please. Donations may be sent in George's memory to the George Holloway Remembrance Fund, c/o Frederick W. Paine (funeral Directors) 29 Coombe Road, Kingston, Surrey.

MERCER - On November 15th, suddenly, at home after a long period of ill health, Thomas John (Tom), father of Jeremy and brother of Paul. Funeral service at St Columba's Church, Pont Street, London SW1 on Thursday November 24th at 12.00 noon. Interment private. No flowers or letters, but at John's request, donations to Rushgrove Parish Church, West Sussex.

DEATHS

MOLLAND - Lily Irene (Jill), wife of the late Prebendary John Molland, died peacefully on 17th November at Axminster Hospital. Beloved mother of Jane, Elizabeth and Judith and much loved grandmother. Funeral at 12 noon Friday 25th November at Axminster Parish Church, followed by cremation. Family flowers only. Donations to Axminster Parish Church Fabric Fund.

PERCIVAL - On 14th November, William Spencer Percival aged 90. Sadly missed by all. Family occasion only. No flowers, but donations to medical research, attention Peter Snell; Sydney's Appeal Kidney Research Fund, 6-7 Lespale Road, Guildford, GU1 4SX; attention Sue Greenwood, Prince of Wales International Centre, BANE 199-206 Old Marylebone Road, London NW1 5QP.

PURDY - Monsignor William Arthur Purdy, Priest of the diocese of Nottingham, died on November 17th 1994, aged 83 years. Reception at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Mickleover, Derby, at 7.30 pm on Thursday 24th November. Funeral Mass on Friday at 11.30 am. Requiescat in Pace.

WHATELY - On November 18th, peacefully at home after a short illness borne with great courage, Nina Abigail, aged 75, much loved mother of Julian and Miranda and grandmother to Marcus, Hugo, Rupert, Ben and Charlie. Funeral at Church of the Holy Rood, Holybourne, on Thursday 24th November at 12.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations to RUKBA, 6 Ayrsmoore Road, W14 8RL.



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IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

POLNAY - Peter de Polnay, author, died in Paris on November 21st, 1984. His wife, son, family and friends remember him with love. A mass will be said in Saint-Nicolas-du Chardonnet, in Paris.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

GRENFELL WILLIAMS POWELL - A Service of Celebration of the Life and Work of Dorothy Grenfell Williams Powell (4th April 1934-11th August 1994), Head of the BBC's African Service 1988-1994, will be held at the Church of St Paul's, Covent Garden, on Tuesday 29th November 1994 at 12 noon.

HORNBY STEER - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of William Read Hornby Steer will be held in the Chapel of The Most Venerable Order of St John of Jerusalem, at St John's Gate, Clerkenwell, London EC1, at 12 noon on Friday 9th December 1994. The service will be followed by the dedication of a Memorial Tablet in the Crypt of the Chapel.

WILLIAMS - A Thanksgiving Service for the life of Major General Alick Williams of Herrington will be held at St. Peter's Church, Dorchester, on Thursday 8th December 1994 at 2.30 pm.

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OBITUARIES

CAB CALLOWAY

Cab Calloway, American jazz bandleader, singer and actor, died on November 18 aged 86. He was born on Christmas Day, 1907.



RENOWNED as "His Highness of Hi-de-Ho", Cab Calloway was for sixty years a barnstorming entertainer whose manic stage persona and extravagant "zoot" suits concealed a shrewd musical and business mind. Along with Duke Ellington, he was a star attraction at the Cotton Club, the celebrated Harlem night spot of the interwar years. His trademark song was "Minnie the Moocher", and when he sang the line "hi-de-hi-de-hi-de-ho", audiences would promptly echo it.

Although he was not an innovative bandleader, he had an acute eye for talent, signing up such musicians as the young Dizzy Gillespie. After the demise of the big bands in the 1940s he developed a successful solo career, and with the revival of interest in Cotton Club chic he was still in demand well into his eighties.

Cabell Calloway III was born in the city of Rochester, in western New York state, but was raised in Baltimore, where his father practised law and ran a real estate business. Despite his father's advice to study law, Calloway decided to try his luck as an entertainer in Chicago, encouraged by the example of his elder sister Blanche, a singer who later led her own orchestra. In Chicago Calloway worked as a drummer, singer and master of ceremonies, and for a while worked with The Missourians, a band that had earlier played residencies at the Cotton Club.

In 1929, after travelling to New York, he appeared at Harlem's premier dance venue, the Savoy Ballroom, singing with another Chicago band, The Alabamians. The booking was not a success, by all accounts, and Calloway subsequently joined an all-black revue "Connie's Hot Chocolates". Soon he was taken under the wing of Duke Ellington's influential manager Irving Mills, and was reunited with the Missourians.

Renamed Cab Calloway & His Orchestra, the band was booked into the Cotton Club — owned by the bootlegger and gangster Owney Madden — as a temporary replacement for Ellington's orchestra. As Calloway later told the story, he had been working at another club, the Crazy Cat, when four heavily built men in overcoats walked in and abruptly ordered him to start rehearsals at Madden's establishment the next afternoon. Ellington, who had been installed at the club for almost three years, was a hard act to follow. Yet Calloway made a strong impression as he pranced around the bandstand. After Ellington's return, however, he made the mistake of taking up an offer to appear at a rival night spot, The Plantation. Before long the club was invaded by mobsters who inflicted enough damage to put the venue out of action.

Fortunately, Calloway found work elsewhere and returned to the Cotton Club after Ellington finally decided to move on. It was not long before he found a signature tune, almost by accident, in the tongue-in-cheek dirge, "Minnie the Moocher". He and Mills are said to have concocted the lyrics early one morning when the club was empty. On the first night it was played the audience demanded no fewer than six encores. "Some time after that," Calloway later explained in an interview, "I didn't have my mind on my work while I was on the bandstand and in the middle of 'Minnie' I forgot the lyrics, so I yelled 'hi-de-ho' instead and the band took it up and then the customers. Out of that song I got a hit tune, a big-selling record and a trademark — 'hi-de-ho'."

By the time he finished his stint at the club Calloway was a national star, thanks in part to live radio broadcasts relayed from the dance floor. Some of his most popular tunes were so-called "moaners", full of exotic Harlem slang, low-life characters and — unbeknown to many listeners — references to marijuana and opium ("Reefer Man" and "Smoky Joe" contained typical examples).

Besides the novelty hits such as "Zaz Zuh Zaz" Calloway was also an underrated ballad singer. Over the next decade he continued to appear at the Cotton Club, as well as in Hollywood films such as *Stormy Weather*. He also found time to put together his own idiosyncratic guide to the language of Harlem, *The Hepster's Dictionary*. The pamphlet, which ran to several editions and became the official "jive" reference book in New York's public libraries, contained page after page of colourful terms: Faust — an ugly girl; Fine Dinner — a good-looking girl; Lay Your Racket — to sell an idea; Main on the Hitch — husband.

On the stage Calloway's routines tended to distract attention from his band's brisk musical arrangements and top-class playing by the likes of the saxophonist Chu Berry, the trumpeter Jonah Jones and the unfailingly swinging bassist Milt Hinton (who was still active in the 1990s). On the other hand, Calloway was an exceptionally generous employer: musicians still recall the luxurious enviroment on the chartered Pullman train that carried them around the country. He could be ruthless, however, in weeding out anyone who failed to toe the line. In one celebrated incident, the irrepressible Dizzy Gillespie was sacked after Calloway mistakenly blamed him for throwing a spitball during a performance.

The orchestra was generally thought to be at its peak from around 1940 to 1948, the year when Calloway finally gave in to economic pressures and disbanded. However, he continued to form bands for occasional tours. In the meantime he settled into a new phase as a solo artiste. From 1952 to 1954 he went on tour with a revival of *Porgy and Bess*. It is commonly believed that Calloway was the original model for the stage character of Sportin' Life. However, there is evidence that the Gershwin brothers may have been inspired by the vaudeville star John "Bubbles" Sublett. Whatever the truth, Calloway gave an impressive performance, and continued to play the role in later productions.

During the mid-1960s he was on the road as an interval act with the Harlem Globetrotters (a move which harked back to the years when he ran a fully kitted-out team within his big band). In 1965 he gave a convincing performance alongside Steve McQueen and Edward G. Robinson in Norman Jewison's film *The Cincinnati Kid*. Two years later he was the co-star in the successful all-black Broadway production of *Hello Dolly*. Playing opposite Pearl Bailey, Calloway portrayed the prickly Cornelius Vandergelder. His daughter, Chris, also appeared in the show. She went on to become a respected nightclub singer, and has also taken part in stage re-creations of the Cotton Club revues. Calloway also performed in the Broadway shows, *Eubie* and *Bubblin Brown Sugar*. His autobiography was published in 1976, with the suitable title of *Minnie The Moocher And Me*.

Four years later he made a striking cameo appearance in John Landis's cult comedy film *The Blues Brothers*. Calloway was by now too old to play himself in Francis Ford Coppola's glossy, fictionalised feature film *The Cotton Club*. But, with his music back in vogue, he took part in a BBC TV documentary, *The Cotton Club Comes to the Ritz*, and toured America with the show *The Cotton Club Revisited*.

Cab Calloway is survived by his wife Nuffie, whom he married in 1953, and by six daughters.

DAVID LOMAX

David Lomax, Group Economic Adviser at National Westminster Bank, 1972-92, died on October 10 aged 58. He was born on November 25, 1935.



THE recent death of David Lomax brought to a premature close the career of one of the most original minds in banking economics. As group economic adviser to the National Westminster Bank, he contrived to make the difficult job of corporate economist both creative and intellectually independent. He was a brilliant editor of the bank's *Quarterly Review* and a respected and provocative conversationalist on current affairs.

David Lomax was educated at King Edward's School, Birmingham, and King's College, Cambridge, subsequently taking a PhD at Stanford University, California. Shortly afterwards he joined the Foreign Office, where he served in Africa, and transferred after the formation of the 1964 Labour Government to its new Department of Economic Affairs under George Brown. The experience, traumatic for many of that department's staff, helped to form Lomax's scepticism towards the competence of British governments of all stripes in matters economic.

His most important career move came in 1969 when he joined the National Westminster Bank. His 25 years there began in the bank's Market Intelligence Department, from where he moved in 1974 to the post of group economic adviser. He held this post until 1992, when he took on a new role as executive adviser on strategic development. His job was to keep the bank's board abreast of a wide range of economic and political issues in which such corporations are unavoidably enmeshed. A complete mastery of economics and a quick, analytical mind enabled him to translate complex information into provocative papers. These were influential both within the bank and among those outside with whom he kept in constant touch.

His lunches in the NatWest Tower were never free of controversy, with Lomax's own strident views well to the fore. A keen internationalist, he saw the narrow focus of official economic policy as a historic drag on Britain's economic efficiency.

As editor of the the National Westminster Bank's *Quarterly Review*, Lomax resisted the temptation to use well-known and established authors. He encouraged contributions from young university academics, often giving them a first opportunity to make a mark.

He included a personal "London Letter" which offered an idiosyncratic view of the main economic and political events of the day. His own book, *The Developing Country Debt Crisis*, remains one of the best researched and most authoritative works on this vexed subject.

Lomax was an unconventional economist. He was fierce in his insights and practical in his judgments. To him, a profession was a perpetual argument as much with himself as with others. Yet he was a modest and approachable man, with a wide range of friends culled from a quarter-century of international banking experience. He loved sport and represented the National Westminster on the golf course.

He is survived by his wife Morag and two daughters.

MICHAEL SOMES

Michael Somes, CBE, ballet dancer, died on November 19 aged 77. He was born on September 28, 1917.

THE stage partner of Margot Fonteyn for more than twenty years, Michael Somes was the first male dancer of international distinction to be produced entirely from within the Royal Ballet organisation. His record as premier danseur and as artist, and his later work as repetiteur and coach, served as an example of a tireless pursuit of excellence.

Born in Horsley, Gloucestershire, Somes learnt dancing as a child from his mother, who was a schoolteacher but who also taught a dance class for children. Encouraged to continue dancing, the young Somes displayed clear and natural gifts with the result that as an adolescent he was faced with the dilemma of continuing his academic studies or of devoting himself to dancing.

The latter choice meant an inevitable move to London, and Somes was accepted as a scholarship student by Ninette de Valois for her Sadler's Wells Ballet School in 1934. But it was only the intervention of Lilian Baylis, manager of the Old Vic and Sadler's Wells Theatres, who found a further and necessary benefaction, that enabled the young Somes to live in London.

He soon graduated into the Vic-Wells Ballet, where his exceptional good looks and elegant manner, as well as a secure technique, had set him on the road to principal status by 1938. In that year he created his first leading role in a Frederick Ashton ballet, the Young Man in *Horoscope*, a ballet which also initiated his partnership with Margot Fonteyn. Though still immature, his performances at this time were already marked by that musical sensitivity and quiet but intense projection of feeling which would be the hallmark of his exceptional later interpretations.

After further creations, in Ashton's *The Wise Virgins* and *The Wanderer*, he was called up for military duty in 1941, serving as a PT instructor in the Army, before a fall from a lorry produced a serious injury that threatened to end his dancing career. He was invalided out of the forces in 1945 but was soon able to return to the stage, undertaking serious study in order to recapture his technical skill. He created further major roles for Ashton — notably in *Symphonic Variations* and *Scenes de ballet*, and in *Cinderella* — where his partnership with Margot Fonteyn was confirmed.

When Robert Helpmann began increasingly to devote his talents to the theatre, Somes became the leading male dancer of the Sadler's Wells Ballet. His partnership with Fonteyn was celebrated, and the several later creations made by Ashton for them — notably *Sylvia*, *Daphnis and Chloe*, *Homage to the Queen* — stressed both the distinction of Somes's gifts as a partner and the sympathy and dramatic probity of his interpretations, qualities noted also in his work in the traditional classics. Somes took the stage like a prince; his portrayal of roles, as varied as Tsarevich Ivan in *The Firebird*, the caricaturist in Massine's *Mam'zelle Angot* or the leading male in Balanchine's *Ballet Imperial*, were touched with a dignity that was never pompous but reflected Somes's integrity as a technician and as an artist.



Somes as Tsarevich Ivan in *The Firebird*

He created or assumed leading roles in many further works, partnering many other ballerinas; to everything he brought a rare elegance and clarity of presence. A Somes interpretation lived gratefully in the memory of those fortunate enough to see him.

He retired from premier danseur roles in 1961, though he continued to play character parts for some years, creating Lord Capulet in Kenneth MacMillan's *Romeo and Juliet*, and a memorable Oscar Wilde in Joe Layton's *OW* in 1972. From 1963 he acted as Assistant Director of the Royal Ballet to Sir Frederick Ashton, and continued to serve the company thereafter for many years as a repetiteur and guardian of the Ashton repertory. He was appointed CBE in 1959.

Somes was a demanding taskmaster to dancers, relentless in a quest for excellence and uniformity of style, but he was also an imaginative coach. As a creator he made only one work, the short-lived *Summer Interlude* produced for Sadler's Wells Theatre Ballet in 1950. This may have been partly because of the intense loyalty he later gave to the Royal Ballet, where he saw it as his duty to preserve the Ashton inheritance.

He was three times married: first to the dancer Deirdre Dixon, who died in 1959; then to the ballerina Antoinette Sibley, from whom he was divorced; and finally to another member of the Royal Ballet, Wendy Ellis, who survives him.

FRANCES TUSTIN

Frances Tustin, child psychotherapist, died on November 11 aged 81. She was born on October 15, 1913.



FRANCES TUSTIN pioneered the psychodynamic treatment of autistic and psychotic children. She produced a large number of papers, wrote four books and was an inspiring teacher to a wide variety of pupils.

Born in Darlington, she was educated at Grantham High School before going on to train as a teacher at Whitelands, an Anglican college in south London. She also attended child development seminars at London University, taught by Susan Isaacs, one of the first generation of British psychoanalysts, and these seminars aroused her interest in psychoanalytic theory. Soon after the end of the Second World War she married Arnold Tustin, a pioneer in the theory of servomechanisms, and this proved to be not only a loving marriage but also a creative one, with the Tustins exchanging ideas on evolution, biology, psychology and consciousness as well as the genetic and psychological systems appertaining to the mysteries of autism.

In 1950 she began her child psychotherapy training in the newly organised Children and Parents Department at the Tavistock Clinic. There she met John Bowlby, then chairman of the department, whose work on the effects of maternal deprivation, separation and loss in childhood culminated in his classic three-volume work, *Attachment and Loss*.

Three years later, having completed her training, Tustin spent a year at the special unit for autism at the James Jackson Putnam Research and Treatment Center in Boston. This fired her curiosity in the extraordinary, wild and primitive manifestations of child psychosis and, from that time on, she devoted herself to the understanding and alleviation of the plight of autistic children and their families.

During the 1940s and 1950s other well known psychologists and psychiatrists — such as Bruno Bettelheim and Donald Meltzer — were exploring the psychodynamic, as opposed to the behaviour management and cognitive therapy, approaches to the treatment of psychotic children; Tustin integrated and developed many of their ideas.

But her delineation of the "prison of autism" as an extreme state of non-attachment, resulting from the traumatic loss of the early mother-infant bond, is entirely original. According to Tustin, this early trauma prevents autistic children from reconnecting with the human world and blocks their instinct to communicate.

Tustin's theories have met with considerable scepticism and opposition from psychiatrists, neurobiologists and educationists, many of whom doubt that autistic "barriers" can be lifted through firm and devoted understanding; but the therapists who worked with her, and the parents of children who were treated by her, insist on the effectiveness of her approach.

There have even been several bestsellers by former autistics, or their parents (for instance, Donna Williams's *Nobody Nowhere* and Judy and Sean Barrons' *There's a Boy in Here*), that describe states of mind and experiences which might have been lifted straight out of Tustin's books on the subject.

Her work received less recognition in Britain than in Europe and South America, where residential treatment centres have been set up in accordance with her theories. These theories emphasise the importance of early detection and treatment of autism, and call for the involvement of maternity hospitals as well as paediatricians and general practitioners. Formerly, most autistic children were not treated until they reached school age but in France, thanks in large part to Tustin, they can now be treated before the age of two.

Her husband died earlier this year. There were no children.

Church appointments

The Rev Gary Colville, Curate, St Mary, Bromley: to be Priest-in-charge, Footscray (Rochester).

The Rev Nicholas Edwards, Rector, Chingford, Saints Peter and Paul: to be *also* Assistant Area Dean of Waltham Forest (Chelmsford).

The Rev John Green, Priest-in-charge, Newland, Guarlford and Madresfield and Diocesan Director of Ordinands (Worcester): to be *also* an Honorary Canon of Worcester Cathedral.

The Rev Keith Hawkes, Rector, Wickmere, Little Harningham, Itteringham and Edgefield and Diocesan Rural Officer (Norwich): to be Rector, Wickmere, Little Barningham, Itteringham and Edgefield, and Priest-in-charge, Saxthorpe, Blickling and Oulton, same diocese.

The Rev John Holder, Priest-in-charge, Avening w. Cherington: to be Vicar, St John, Cinderford (Gloucester).

The Rev Andrew Hutchinson, Curate, St Chad w. St Mary, Shrewsbury (Lichfield): to be Chaplain to Hereford Cathedral Junior School and Succentor of Hereford Cathedral (Hereford).

The Rev Lawrence Jenkins, Vicar, St Aidan's, Wheatley Hills, Doncaster: to be Vicar, St Peter's, Greenhill, Sheffield (Sheffield).

The Rev Simon Justice, Assistant Curate, St Michael's, Tilehurst (Oxford): to be Rector, St Paul's Church, Troy, New York State, diocese Albany, USA.

The Rev Antony Lane, Curate, Amblecote: to be Team Vicar designate, St Andrew's, The Straits, in the benefice of Sedgley, All Saints (Worcester).

The Rev David Lankey, Assistant Curate, All Saints, Tooting: to be Vicar, St Mary, Long Ditton (Southwark).

The Rev John Lungley, Vicar, Kingswinford, St Mary (Worcester): to be *also* an Honorary Canon of Worcester Cathedral.

The Rev Lesley McCluskey, Curate, St Mary w. St Paul, Bootle: to be Curate, St Anne, Beech Hill, Wigan (Liverpool).

The Rev Canon Roland Meredith, Team Rector, Witney Team Ministry (Oxford): to retire as from November 30. He will remain Rural Dean of Witney until December 1995 and has been appointed Warden of Readers for the Dorchester Area, same diocese.

The Rev Paul Oliver, Vicar, Norwich Earlham St Anne: to be *also* Rural Dean of Norwich South (Norwich).

The Rev Michael Sears: permission to officiate, diocese Birmingham.

The Rev Jess Stubenbord, Priest-in-charge, Mulbarton w. Kenningham: now *also* Priest-in-charge, Flordon (Norwich).

The Rev Andrew Thewlis, Curate, Christ Church, Walshaw (Manchester): to be Priest-in-charge, Jersey, St John (Winchester).

The Rev Richard Tingle, Vicar, Burford w. Fulbrook and Taynton: to be *also* Vicar, Asthall, Swinbrook and Widford (Oxford).

The Rev Robert White, Priest-in-charge, Brentwood, St Thomas: to be Vicar, Brentwood, St Thomas, and continues as Rural Dean of Brentwood (Chelmsford).

LONDON FASHIONS
SHOES AND THEIR HEELS

Shoes, whether for the morning, the afternoon, or the evening, or for sports, now all have straps. Even on the links brogue laced shoes with fringed tongues are less common than they were. The number of those still faithful to the comforts and support of laced shoes are in decided minority. The strap is usually single, and is either plain or capable of a certain ornateness by means of what are called "cut-outs".

The comfortable coloured kid promenade shoes for afternoon dances are usually made with fancy side pieces; red, green, royal blue, and tan are popular colours; but as they are being widely copied in inferior leathers, the fashion may not last long. Afternoon antelope and suede shoes are also worn in the new "cut-outs", and often with a calf binding or trimming in the same or a contrasting shade. For ordinary feet plain colours are always the safest. The strap, however, is liked because it is supposed to make an ankle look slim, whereas the laced or the Court shoe foreshortens; and if a heel is well built and the waist (the part under the arch of the foot) is well modelled the appearance of the ankle is much improved.

A badly cut shoe on a badly rounded back of a heel makes a foot look its worst. Women who can afford to have their shoes built on their own lasts generally get comfortable as well as good-looking shoes; but shoes seem generally to be bought in too great a hurry. In spite of all that is said to the contrary, low heels are steadily coming into favour — not perhaps everywhere, but certainly among the well-shod. There are low heels on smart promenade shoes and on handsome evening shoes, and they are often to be noticed at dances, though for the evening they have not the light balance that a shaped moderately high heel from one to two inches can give.

Low heels bring tall women nearer to the medium height; but they make long feet look longer, and the waist of a low-heeled shoe is seldom as well arched or supported as that of a higher-heeled shoe, particularly when it is made of one of the lighter leathers. There are no large buckles, or indeed, buckles of any kind this year on evening shoes; but a jewelled button fastens some tinsel shoes, and a jewelled heel gives distinction to a black velvet or black satin shoe. On the whole evening shoes are much quieter than last year, and no one wears ornaments or jewels that would catch in longer skirts.

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An article on women's shoes without illustrations would be unthinkable today, but 70 years ago pictures were almost exclusively on one page.

NEWS

UN delays Bosnia bomb attack

■ The United Nations appeared to retreat last night from confrontation with Serbs in Croatia who are accused of launching air raids in Bosnia. After a day of high tension, when Nato warplanes awaited the signal from the UN to bomb the Serbs, alliance airstrikes failed to materialise.

A maximum alert for UN forces in the former Yugoslavia was reduced and fears for the safety of UN troops might have prompted UN leaders to pull back from ordering an immediate attack ..... Pages 1, 12

Labour backs school league tables

■ Labour is to drop its opposition to league tables and will sack head teachers who do not improve after remedial training. David Blunkett, the shadow Education Secretary, says tables help to identify struggling state schools ..... Page 1

Goulding scandal

British influence at the highest level of the United Nations is in jeopardy after a scandal over the private life of Marrack Goulding, the top-ranking Briton at the New York headquarters ..... Page 1

Nurse suspended

Case histories of at least a hundred intensive care patients are being examined by police after a staff nurse was suspended following the suspicious deaths of two patients ..... Page 5

Signs of age

Scientists believe they may have found a test for ageing that will show who will grow old quickly and who will stay young the longest ..... Page 1

Stamping out noise

Ministers are considering a new criminal offence that will make it far easier to prosecute noisy neighbours ..... Page 8

IRA admission

The IRA admitted it is having difficulty in controlling some members when it claimed that "volunteers" killed a postal worker in Newry ..... Page 1

Christmas exodus

Young professional families are fleeing traditional Christmases at home in favour of renting large country houses and castles to share with friends and extended families ..... Page 9

Peace talks stalled

Bertie Ahern, the new leader of Ireland's Fianna Fail party admitted that the political crisis in Dublin had stalled the Ulster peace process ..... Page 2

Arafat faces threats

Yassir Arafat has become the target of death threats in the Gaza Strip as mediation efforts continued to prevent Friday's killing of 14 Palestinians from sparking civil war ..... Page 10

Rebelling again

John Major faces a wide-ranging rebellion from Tory MPs with backbenchers threatening to revolt over the second stage of VAT on fuel and the future of the Post Office ..... Page 2

Rooting for Delors

France's bedraggled Socialist Party urged Jacques Delors to stop hesitating and plant its standard on the presidential battlefield ..... Page 11

Winning stake

The biggest spenders in the lottery, a syndicate of theatre-lovers who are gambling £8,350 over five weeks to raise cash for a building, won £402 from their first £2,000 stake ..... Page 3

Telephone briefings

General John Shalikashvili, the chairman of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff, telephoned reporters at the weekend to insist that he and his fellow chiefs had confidence in President Clinton ..... Page 13

Bath toys embark on epic voyage

■ An armada of toy ducks is heading for Britain after sailing halfway round the world braving the winds, the ocean currents and the frozen Arctic sea. About 29,000 yellow plastic ducks, blue turtles, red beavers and green toy frogs are due to bob past Greenland, beaching themselves on the British and Irish coasts after their 9,000-mile trek ..... Page 1

CHRIS HARRIS



Julia Davies, 18, from the Jewish Lads and Girls Brigade, attending the Remembrance Parade and Memorial Service in London yesterday for Jewish former servicemen and women. The reviewing officer was General Sir Peter de la Billière

BUSINESS

Aerospace: The Cabinet is expected to back development of a European military transport plane after the Department of Trade and Industry convinced the Treasury and the Ministry of Defence that it was vital to the future of British Aerospace ..... Page 44

Manufacturing: The performance of British manufacturing industry is below the European average and lacking world-class stars, according to the London Business School and IBM ..... page 44

Gas: British Gas is to raise the basic pay of its chief executive by three quarters, and boost the salary of other executive directors in a package that will also cut their rolling contracts from three to two years ..... Page 44

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Building a brighter future: Marcus Binney reports on an architectural renaissance that has gripped the cities of Edinburgh, Glasgow and Liverpool ..... Page 14

Not enough meat: The sausage jokes may go down well in Munich, but Gerald Larner is unimpressed by H.K. Gruber's silly German opera *Gloria* ..... Page 15

Stepping up: Kevin Elyot knew he had a hit on his hands when he could not get a ticket to watch his own play. Now he is overseeing the West End transfer of *My Night With Reg* ..... Page 15

Pioneer perfection: As his show at the Hammersmith Palais proved, Jimmy Smith is one of the few jazz musicians who really lives up to his billing as a legend ..... Page 15

TELEVISION

Life of Brian's son: Ben Walden, star of BBC TV's *Martin Chuzzlewit*, sits in his north London flat awaiting the call from Hollywood. That, surely, will end claims that he is trading on the name of his father, Brian ..... Page 17

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Patent nonsense: Companies are meeting real difficulties as they try to patent a recently discovered and important molecule ..... Page 16

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League of supporters: David Blunkett, the shadow Education Secretary, explains why he approves of "league tables" for measuring performance ..... Page 37



TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES

■ ISLAND QUEEN
Joanna Lumley experiences the downside of life on a desert island

■ NEW INNINGS
Plan your cricket-watching summer around the 1995 first-class fixtures

Rugby League: Britain were denied their first home-series victory over Australia for 35 years when they were beaten 23-4 at Elland Road, Leeds ..... Page 23

Cricket: Storm clouds gather over slipshod England with the opening Test match against Australia just four days away ..... Page 24

Snooker: Ken Doherty returned to his best form to move smoothly into the quarter-finals of the Royal Liver Assurance UK championships at Preston ..... Page 25

Tennis: Pete Sampras, of the United States, used his power game to overcome Boris Becker, of Germany, in the final of the ATP Tour competition in Frankfurt, capping a comeback from a year marred by injury ..... Page 25

Football: Middlesbrough took the lead clear at the top of the Endsleigh Insurance League first division by beating Wolverhampton Wanderers ..... Page 27

Athletics: Is Britain running scared as the nation's once-dominant prowess at middle-distance running continues to decline? David Powell reports ..... Page 29

Rallying: Colin McRae posts his intention of pace setting in the Network Q RAC Rally by taking over all lead on day one ..... Page 31

Golf: Andrew Coltart showed the benefit of his experience on the Scottish links to win the Australian PGA with a final-round of 70 in winds of 52mph ..... Page 35

Glenda Bailey, the editor of *Marie Claire* magazine, never stops talking. *Cutting Edge* (Channel 4, 9pm) tries to get a word in edgeways ..... Page 43

Just deserts

Crossed lines between Nato and the UN aggravate the West's political differences over Bosnia: these must be resolved ..... Page 19

Crime, Inc

The first UN conference at ministerial level on transnational crime opens today in the appropriate setting of Naples ..... Page 19

A liberty too far

The Home Secretary's most radical proposal is a drastic cut in home leave for prisoners ..... Page 19

MATTHEW PARRIS

It is the parliamentary moment of which I feel most ashamed. We howled down a "leaseback" deal for the Falklands ..... Page 18

WILLIAM REES-MOGG

The British middle class is not so different from the American. Try some of the Newt Gingrich appeals: "Stamp on crime, cut your taxes, stop people scrounging on welfare" ..... Page 18

PETER RIDDELL

The past week's events have shown how politically exposed a head of state can become ..... Page 18

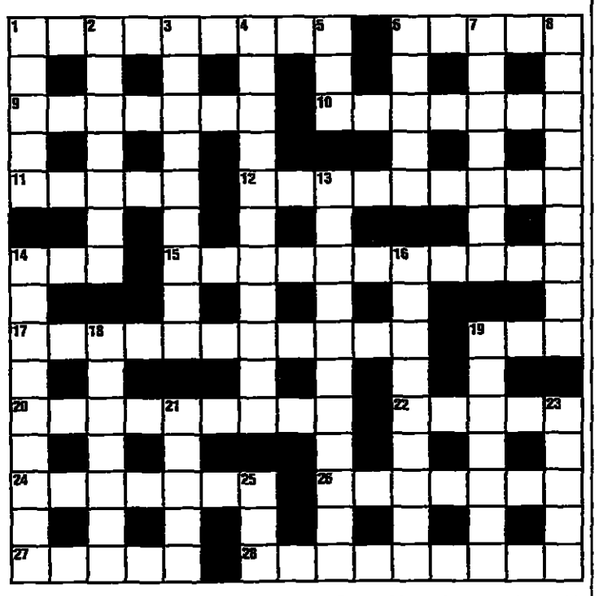
Cab Calloway, American bandleader and actor; Michael Somes, ballet dancer; David Lomax, National Westminster Bank economic adviser; Frances Tustin, child psychotherapist ..... Page 21

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It is now very hard to find a Conservative MP who privately thinks that a party led by Mr Major can win them the next election.
—The Sunday Telegraph

Both Mr Gerard Reynolds and John Major deserve credit for securing a cessation of violence. But a lasting peace remains a mountain to climb.
—Independent on Sunday

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ACROSS

1 *More attractive means of holding* an international frolic (3,1,5)
6 Cast enables fellow to get fish (5)
9 Common thief who might beat the snares ? (7)
10 *An indication of military distinction* (7)
11 Excel in Polish, say? (5)
12 He equips one for discharge in a healthier state (9)
14 *Winger or striker* (3)
15 Utterly opposed to broadcasting dramatic lie (11)
17 Navigating is a credit among drivers in waterway (8,3)
19 *Sally, oddly, is underhanded* (3)
20 Uncompromising type gets difficult introduction to vessel (4-5)
22 Large number in vehicle, so walk (5)
24 A doctor — one with speciality concerned with the environment (7)
26 One seeking privacy to relax amid ease, we hear (7)
27 Bloomer made by many going to America (5)
28 Fruit drops required for air trips (9)

DOWN

1 Yields obtained from plants, it is said (5)
2 Visitor getting to old city first (7)
3 Volumes of instruction man copied out (9)
4 Breakthrough achieved by means of *fine speech* (11)
5 The odd drink (3)
6 They depend on the host for entertainment — generally inside to begin with (5)
7 *Single girl in charge holding* ancient book collection — that's senseless (7)
8 Development of energy embracing everybody as a rule (9)
13 He may remove branches in our greenest organisation (4,7)
14 Strand dance with bouncer (5-4)
16 Complaint reinforcing reprimand in course of meal (5,4)
18 Unusual morsel found in dish (7)
19 Term that's left to describe King Charles, perhaps (7)
21 Soil deficiency seen around the middle of Kew? (5)
23 Make an insistent demand for newspapers (5)
25 Leaderless pack in drag (3)

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KNOCKANDO
PURE SINGLE MALT SCOTCH WHISKY

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 19,704 will appear next Saturday. The five winners will receive a bottle of Knockando, a superb Speyside Single Malt Scotch whisky and a fine leather credit card wallet.

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Saturday: Highest day temp, Trevigton, Somerset 18C (64F); lowest day max Lerwick, Shetland 10C (50F); highest rainfall: Eskdalemuir, Dumfries and Galloway 0.85in; highest sunshine: Doncaster, South Yorkshire 4.1hr

FORECAST

☐ **General:** over England and Wales there will be some mist and fog for a while, but this will clear during the morning and the rest of the day will be dry and bright nearly everywhere, with a deal of sunshine.

However, the Channel Islands will have a cloudy day with a little light rain or drizzle and southwest England and South Wales may have a little rain in the evening.

Northwest Scotland and the Western and Northern Isles will have a dull day with occasional rain or drizzle.

The rest of Scotland, along with Northern Ireland will have a dry, bright day with sunshine at times.

Most places will be cooler, but temperatures will still be above average. The north will be windy.

☐ **London, SE, Central S, E, NW, Central N, NE England, E Anglia, Midlands, N Wales, Lakes, IoM:** early fog, then dry and bright with sunshine at times. Wind light southerly. Mild. Max 11 to 13C (52 to 55F).

☐ **Channel Isles:** cloudy. Rain or drizzle at times. Wind light southerly. Very mild. Max 15C (59F).

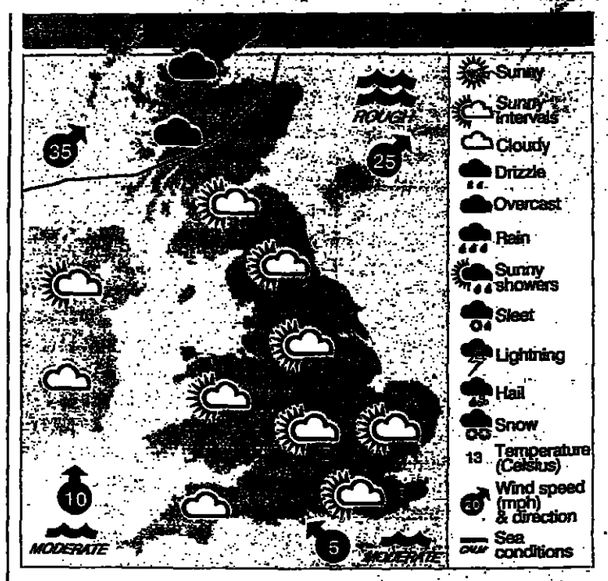
☐ **SW England, S Wales:** sunny at times, turning more cloudy later. A little rain after dark. Wind light southerly. Mild. Max 13C (55F).

☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, Argyll, N Ireland:** dry and bright. Sunny at times, wind strong southwesterly. Max 12C (54F).

☐ **NE, NW Scotland, Orkney:** cloudy. A little drizzle. Wind strong to gale southwesterly. Max 11C (52F).

☐ **Shetland:** dull. Rain early, then drizzle. Wind strong to gale southwesterly. Max 9C (48F).

☐ **Outlook:** very mild, but cloudier with rain. Brighter on Wednesday.



Changes to chart below from noon: low G will maintain central pressure and move NE; complex area of low pressure T will start to fill; high M will stay in situ



AROUND BRITAIN

24 hrs to 5 pm: t=thunder; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain; h=hail; du=dull; g=gale; sh=shower; b=bright

	Sun hrs	Rain in	C	Max F	
Aberdeen	2.6	0.30	14	57	b
Anglesey	0.1	0.06	13	55	c
Aspatria	X				
Aviemore	1.9	0.34	11	52	sh
Belfast	0.6	0.05	12	54	r
Birmingham	0.2	0.12	16	61	c
Bognor R	-	0.06	15	59	d
Bournem'th	X				
Bristol	-	0.13	15	59	d
Buxton	X				
Cardiff	-	0.13	14	57	r
Clacton	X				
Cleethorpes	X				
Colwyn Bay	X				
Cromer	-	0.10	15	59	c
Doncaster	4.1	0.19	17	63	s
Dunbar	X				
Eastbourne	X				
Edinburgh	1.7	0.43	15	59	b
Eskdalemuir	X				
Exmouth	X				
Falmouth	X	0.09	15	59	d
Fishguard	-	0.06	13	55	d
Folkestone	X				
Glasgow	1.9	0.72	13	55	sh
Guernsey	-	0.06	15	59	d
Hastings	X				
Hayling L	X				
Herne Bay	X				
Hove	-	0.12	14	57	du
Hunstanton	X				
Ilfracombe	X				
Isle of Man	2.4	0.25	13	55	b
Jersey	X				
Kinloss	2.5	0.21	12	54	sh
Leeds	0.2	0.22	15	59	d
Lerwick	0.8	0.60	9	48	b
Leuchars	3.5	0.31	13	55	c
Littlehmptn	X				
Liverpool	0.4	0.20	14	57	d
London	0.1	0.17	16	61	c
Lowestoft	X				
Manchester	1.1	0.10	15	59	r
Margate	X				
Minehead	X				
Morecambe	1.5	0.19	13	55	c
Newcastle	1.5	0.44	15	59	c
Newquay	-	0.03	15	59	d
Norwich	0.6	0.10	16	61	c
Nottingham	3.3	0.09	16	61	b
Oxford	-		15	59	d
Penzance	-	0.03	15	59	d
Plymouth	-	0.06	13	55	fg
Poole	X				
Prestatyn	X	0.12	15	59	d
Ross-o-wye	X				
Ryde	X				
Salcombe	X				
Sandown	X				
Saunton Snd	0.1	0.12	14	57	c
Scarboro'	X				
Scilly Isles	X				
Shanklin	-	0.04	14	57	d
Shrewsbury	5.2	0.13	16	61	b
Skegness	X				
Southend	X				
Southport	2.3	0.22	14	57	b
Stornoway	3.8	0.43	11	52	sh
Swanage	-	0.06	15	59	d
Teignmouth	1.4	0.01	16	61	c
Tenby	-	0.09	14	57	du
Tiree	3.1	0.77	11	52	s
Torquay	X				
Tynemouth	X				

These are Saturday's figures. We apologise for the lack of data, caused by technical problems

ABROAD

Ajaccio	19	66	s	C'phagn	11	52	d	Madrid	16	61	s
Akrotiri	23	73	f	Corfu	16	61	s	Majorca	21	70	s
Alex'dria	19	66	c	Dublin	10	50	s	Malaga	21	70	s
Algiers	23	73	s	Dubrovnik	12	54	s	Malta	19	66	s
Amst'dm	14	57	c	Faro	21	70	f	Melb'rne	21	70	s
Athens	12	54	f	Florence	12	54	s	Miami	26	79	s
Bahrain	27	81	s	Frankfurt	14	57	c	Milan	9	48	c
Bangkok	33	91	s	Funchal	21	70	c	Montreal	11	52	c
Barbados	30	86	c	Geneva	11	52	c	Moscow	-2	28	c
Barcelona	20	68	c	Gibraltar	19	66	s	Munich	13	55	c
Beirut	20	68	f	Helsinki	1	34	sl	Nairobi	23	73	f
Belgrade	8	46	c	Hong K	23	73	f	Naples	16	61	s
Berlin	13	55	c	Innsbrck	11	52	f	N Delhi	25	77	s
Bermuda	26	79	s	Istanbul	10	50	r	N York	16	61	s
Biarritz	17	63	s	Jeddah	32	90	s	Nice	18	64	s
Borde'x	20	68	s	Jo'burg	25	77	s	Oslo	2	36	c
Brussels	14	57	c	Karachi	31	88	s	Paris	15	59	f
Budapst	6	43	s	L Palmas	26	79	s	Peking	9	48	s
B Aires	24	75	f	Le Touq	15	59	f	Perth	23	73	s
Cairo	24	75	f	Lisbon	18	61	s	Prague	12	54	c
Cape Tn	22	72	s	Locarno	9	48	c	Reykjavik	3	27	s
Chicago	7	45	s	L Angels	12	54	s	Rhodes	16	59	r
Ch'church	14	57	c	Luxembg	11	52	c	Rio de J	23	73	f
Cologne	17	63	f	Luxor	28	82	s	Riyadh	30	86	s
Rome	15	59	s								
Salzburg	9	48	d								
S F'risco	9	48	s								
Santiago	26	79	s								
S Paulo	19	66	d								
Seoul	13	55	s								
Sing'por	31	88	s								
Stkholm	6	43	r								
Strasb'rg	17	63	s								
Sydney	29	84	f								
Tangier	20	68	s								
Tel Aviv	24	75	s								
Tenerife	28	79	s								
Tokyo	16	61	c								
Toronto	10	50	s								
Tunis	21	70	f								
Valencia	21	70	s								
Vanc'ver	3	37	r								
Venice	12	54	f								
Vienna	4	39	d								
Warsaw	5	41	c								
Wash'ton	17	63	s								
Wel'ngton	11	52	c								
Zurich	15	59	s								

Temperatures at midday local time. X = not available

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	3.01	6.8	3.25	6.7	Liverpool	12.22	8.8	12.40	8.8
Aberdeen	2.49	4.0	3.00	4.1	Lowestoft	11.03	2.4	11.08	2.5
Avonmouth	8.33	12.5	8.54	12.2	Margate	1.10	4.7	1.28	4.5
Belfast	12.11	3.2	12.30	3.5	Milford Haven	7.34	6.6	7.53	6.4
Cardiff	8.15	11.66	8.36	11.36	Newquay	8.26	6.6	8.48	6.4
Devonport	7.08	5.9	7.27	5.0	Oban	6.58	3.9	7.22	3.8
Dover	12.19	6.5	12.38	6.4	Penzance	8.05	5.4	8.28	5.1
Falmouth	6.32	5.1	6.57	4.8	Portland	7.50	2.0	8.14	1.8
Glasgow	2.19	4.5	2.25	4.9	Portsmouth	12.32	4.5	12.45	4.5
Harwich	1.00	2.8	1.17	3.8	Shoreham	12.25	5.9	12.31	5.9
Holyhead	11.46	5.4	—	—	Southampton	—	—	12.12	4.4
Hull	7.45	6.96	7.52	7.04	Swansea	7.46	8.9	8.05	8.7
Ilfracombe	7.18	8.73	7.39	8.47	Tees	5.02	4.9	5.16	5.1
King's Lynn	7.48	6.3	7.59	6.4	Weston-no-Nse	11.52	4.0	1.14	4.8
Leith	3.58	5.2	4.13	5.3					

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Moon sets: 8.57 am
Moon rises: 6.47 pm

London 4.04 pm to 7.38 am
Bristol 4.14 pm to 7.38 am
Edinburgh 3.56 pm to 8.09 am
Manchester 4.04 pm to 7.47 am
Penzance 4.31 pm to 7.46 am

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Offiah, the Great Britain wing, is left with nowhere to run after being surrounded by the Australian defence, which was magnificent throughout the third international at Elland Road yesterday. Photographs: Ian Stewart

Australia emphasise gulf in class with series victory

Britain bow to world's best

Great Britain 4
Australia 23

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINS

PREDICTABLY, inevitably and familiarly, Great Britain lost the rugby league series to Australia, as they have every other one since 1970. The Kangaroos were caught on the hop once at Wembley and a second time was perhaps always a case of wishful thinking. Any optimism that remained after the avalanche at Old Trafford two weeks ago survived into the second half at Elland Road yesterday. At 7-2 down all was hardly lost, except that Great Britain did not seem to possess the necessary self-belief.

For 15 minutes they hammered the Australian line without really suggesting they could breach it. All this pressure was mopped up by an opposition waiting for the chances that inevitably came and were brilliantly taken.

Three of Australia's four tries — by Wishart, Pay and Walters — came in the subsequent 17 minutes. Such a fusion of the outstanding pace, power and outrageous confidence in the side highlighted the real difference between the teams.

There can be no complaint, as Australia are by far the better side, but Britain were on the wrong end of the more bizarre refereeing decisions. Shaun Edwards never fully recovered from the elbow planted in his cheekbone by Pay in the second minute, nor did the crowd forgive the referee, Bill Harrigan, for awarding a penalty instead of giving the second row forward his marching orders.

The warnings had been writ large from the outset of the tour. Wembley was an aberration for Australia, a Rolls-Royce back-firing. Old Trafford was sheer magnificence and, at the end yesterday, it became a procession to secure a 2-1 win for the fourth successive series since 1988.

On the 1990 tour and in Australia two years ago, Britain were beaten by bulk, power and size. In matching these qualities, Britain have, nonetheless, found that Australia have gone on a pace, quite literally. Speed, mobility and ball movement are the obvious departments to catch up in now.

Phil Clarke, the Britain stand-off, hit the right note when he said: "It is up to us now to go back to our clubs, not let the memory of this series fade, and for the next two years work extremely hard." The support play and attacking vision Australia bring nowadays makes their British counterparts look almost sluggish by comparison.

The 1994 Australians will go down as possibly the best attacking side in history, scoring 96 tries in 14 matches. The so-called "invincible" tour parties of 1982 and 1986 scored 97 and 85 tries in 15 and 13 games respectively.

In having just seven weeks to prepare the Great Britain side after Malcolm Reilly's resignation as coach, there must be sympathy for Ellery Hanley. Nicking one win, his side did as well as could reasonably be expected. "I would pick the same side tomorrow," he said. "I picked them for character, determination and commitment."

On all three counts, Britain could hardly be faulted. Character, determination and commitment are, though, no substitute for the sort of irrepressible skills that soaked up Britain's challenge and eventually smothered it. Where a Britain win was coming from was difficult to see, despite the pressure they brought to bear. Martin Offiah was more in evidence, the trouble being that much of his running was behind his own line. Jason Robinson, on the other wing, never relented before being injured, but he, too, stayed largely bottled up in his own half.

Not that Alan Hunte and Clarke hobbling off in the space of ten minutes in the first half helped. Edwards's senses appeared to have been scrambled by his selective punishment, but with Garry Schofield coming on to equal Mick Sullivan's record of 46 British caps, organisational order behind the pack was restored.

Andrew Farrell's 42-yard goal was the difference between the sides until Australia struck with unerring precision. On the last tackle, Ricky Stuart fed Laurie Daley; the stand-off's chip brushed Paul Newlove's fingertips, took a wicked turn that threw the defence but arrived neatly in Daley's grasp as he followed up.

Stuart's dropped goal just before half-time ensured Australia were two scores to the good. It was in this knowledge that the visitors mounted a splendid rearguard to frustrate Britain's efforts. The nearest they got was Australia being forced to drop out twice after Andrew Ettingshausen and Rod Wishart cleared dangerous through kicks.

Australia, as they have all tour, struck when the iron seemed to be at its coldest. Steve Walters was unstoppable, making huge inroads down the ruck areas. One such burst teed up the visitors on the left as delayed passes by Stuart and Daley sucked in the cover and Wishart stepped inside the hapless Darryl Powell.

This was the most telling score. Walters was deservedly named man of the match, particularly as he drove over from acting half back, taking Gary Connolly, Schofield, Farrell and Karl Harrison with him.

At the finish, Stuart was toying with the cover. A dummy took him into a huge gap and a reverse pass to Pay furnished the last try. With Robinson hobbling off, Britain ended depleted, dejected and knowing how much work is necessary before the World Cup next October.

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SCORERS: Great Britain: Goals: Farrell (2). Australia. Tries: Daley, Wishart, Walters, Pay. Goals: Wishart (3). Dropped goal: Stuart.

GREAT BRITAIN: G Connolly (Wigan); J Robinson (Wigan), A Hunte (St Helens; sub: D Powell, Sheffield Eagles, 12min), P Newlove (Bradford Northern), M Offiah (Wigan); P Clarke (Wigan, sub: G Schofield, Leeds, 22), S Edwards (Wigan, captain); K Harrison (Halifax), L Jackson (Sheffield Eagles), B McDermott (Wigan; sub: S Nickle, St Helens, 32). D Betts (Wigan), A Farrell (Wigan), C Joynt (St Helens; sub: B Goulding, St Helens, 71).

AUSTRALIA: B Mullins (Canberra); A Ettingshausen (Cronulla; sub: T Brasher, Balmain, 51min), M Meninga (Canberra, captain), S Renouf (Brisbane), R Wishart (Illawarra); L Daley (Canberra), R Stuart (Canberra); G Lazarus (Brisbane; sub D Fairleigh, North Sydney, 76), S Walters (Canberra; sub: A Langer (Brisbane, 76), I Roberts (Manly), D Pay (Canterbury), B Clyde (Canberra), B Fittler (Penrith)
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Wishart, of Australia, leaves Robinson trailing to touch down in the second half

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Close encounters no match for atmosphere



JOHN HOPKINS

TV ACTION REPLAY

For the second successive day, men in green and gold ran rings around their opposition. It didn't matter whether it was the Springboks playing rugby union on Saturday or the Kangaroos playing rugby league yesterday. Both visiting teams contained big, strong, fast men, who made their tackles count and demonstrated a sleight of hand awesome to behold.

Nor did it matter where the spectator was seated. The game at Murrayfield was watched from the press box, 50 yards from the pitch; that at Elland Road from an armchair 50 inches from a television screen.

Television both increases and diminishes what it is covering. It has an unmatched ability to close in on a move as it develops, on a player as he flicks away a cat's tail of hair or wipes a bead of sweat from his forehead, or darts 20 yards upfield. Such minor and quick movements are immeasurably more impressive on television because they are all but unseeable from a seat in the ground. For example, the audacity of Ricky Stuart's backhand pass to Dean Pay for Australia's last try could only be appreciated on television.

But television also diminishes. A picture beamed into a nearly empty room can deliver none of the resonance and excitement of a seat in the stands. At Murrayfield you could inter-react with your neighbours, turn in excitement to someone who a few minutes earlier was a complete stranger and share the pleasure of Tony Stanger's try. Watch on television and even a period of sustained brilliance such as Great Britain demonstrated early in the second half of the rugby league international can do no more than bring you to the edge of your seat.

From the moment that Holst's *Mars, the Bringer of War* was used at the start of the transmission and accompanied by a rather portentous commentatary, there was never any doubt that the BBC were trying to create an atmosphere. Technically, the coverage looked excellent, transmitting a series of vivid images in a variety of close-up, mid-distance and long-range shots. Unquestionably more was seen of the game than from a seat in the stand.

It would have been good, however, to have seen a more detailed replay of the alleged foul on Shaun Edwards. Replays and authoritative interpretation should be one of television's strengths with the technology at its disposal? Was it a deliberate foul? An unequivocal answer from one of the three experts was required, although perhaps that was asking too much. Ray French, the BBCs main commentator on rugby league, and Steve Simms, brought in to add an Australian voice and interpretation to the commentary, hardly agreed on anything. The rumble of their disagreeing voices distracted from the play.

Television scores when it does not shirk the extra mile and it demonstrated no desire to skimp with its coverage from Leeds. The two aforementioned commentators and Joe Lydon were augmented by a discussion in the studio between Steve Rider and Jonathan Davies with Davies proving he has a turn of phrase to go with his turn of speed, and an analytical eye that matches his eye for a break.

At half-time, Eric Ashton and Neil Fox, two of the game's great players, delivered their verdicts — though I am not sure how much they added — as did Gary Hetherington, a member of the Great Britain coaching staff. Then at the end, after Australia had cut loose and won comfortably, Mal Meninga and Shaun Edwards were interviewed with the stains of battle clearly upon their faces. Reality, in hard bruising close-up, is what television should show — and did.

Television can provide some compensation for not being present. It can lighten up the darker recesses of a game, highlight the flashing moments. For this viewer, however, nothing can beat being there.

Performances of Gooch and Rhodes are only rays of light in Hobart

Slipshod England under cloud as Brisbane closes in



Alan Lee finds the England camp in a self-imposed depression with the opening Test four days away

AN OMINOUS mood of apprehension is engulfing the England team in the very week they need to be at their best and brightest. After two days of inept cricket, the depression was in no way lifted yesterday by weather that reminded Michael Atherton of Fenner's in April.

This may not have been the most disagreeable thought crossing the England captain's mind. The rain fell steadily, restricting play to a mere 21 balls, and the temperature in Hobart had dropped 20°C from Saturday's withering high, but this was nothing to the chill in the touring team's dressing-room after a few home truths had been expressed.

Keith Fletcher, the team manager, described the performance against what amounts to an Australian reserve side as "pathetic". Atherton's assessment yesterday was "dreadful". From both, there was the tacit acknowledgement that cricket of such naivety, if repeated in Brisbane later this week, will be mercilessly exposed by the first-choice Australians in a first Test likely to shape the course of the Ashes series.

Ten days ago, Australia was regarding this England side with unusual deference. Sound and seasoned judges were forecasting a close series. But after a discouraging defeat by New South Wales, this latest debacle has restored normal service. Mockery and deprecation abound and suddenly no-one in the locality gives England a chance.

This, of course, is a dangerously premature judgement, for many a touring team has won an overseas series after looking something between fallible and feeble in the warm-up games. "This tour is all about five Tests," emphasised Atherton yesterday, "and if we play well in those, nobody will look back on the state games. Hopefully, the big occasion will drag the best out of everybody."

But the key word was hopefully, and it was not spoken with great confidence. How could it be, after England had conceded almost 400 runs with shoddy bowling and then tottered to the brink of the follow-on? All aspects of England's game were so fundamentally flawed that the proximity of the Test Match became a cause for anxiety rather than anticipation.

No team that can play as England did at The Oval in August, when South Africa were swept aside, can be lightly dismissed but the make-up of the side, especially the bowling, is such that the irresistible can too often be followed by the unspeakable.

The bowlers attack without heeding the essential disciplines and the batsmen, Gooch apart, are too easily satisfied. It is hit-and-miss cricket, which does not win Test series.

The worst of it is that confidence has been so undermined that strategies formed with conviction are now being regarded with doubt. England's brains trust is no longer sure what line-up should be paraded at Brisbane on Friday and there is a real danger of confusion and compromise overcoming the selectors. They must hold their nerve now, for the team is vulnerable enough without being consumed by internal indecision.

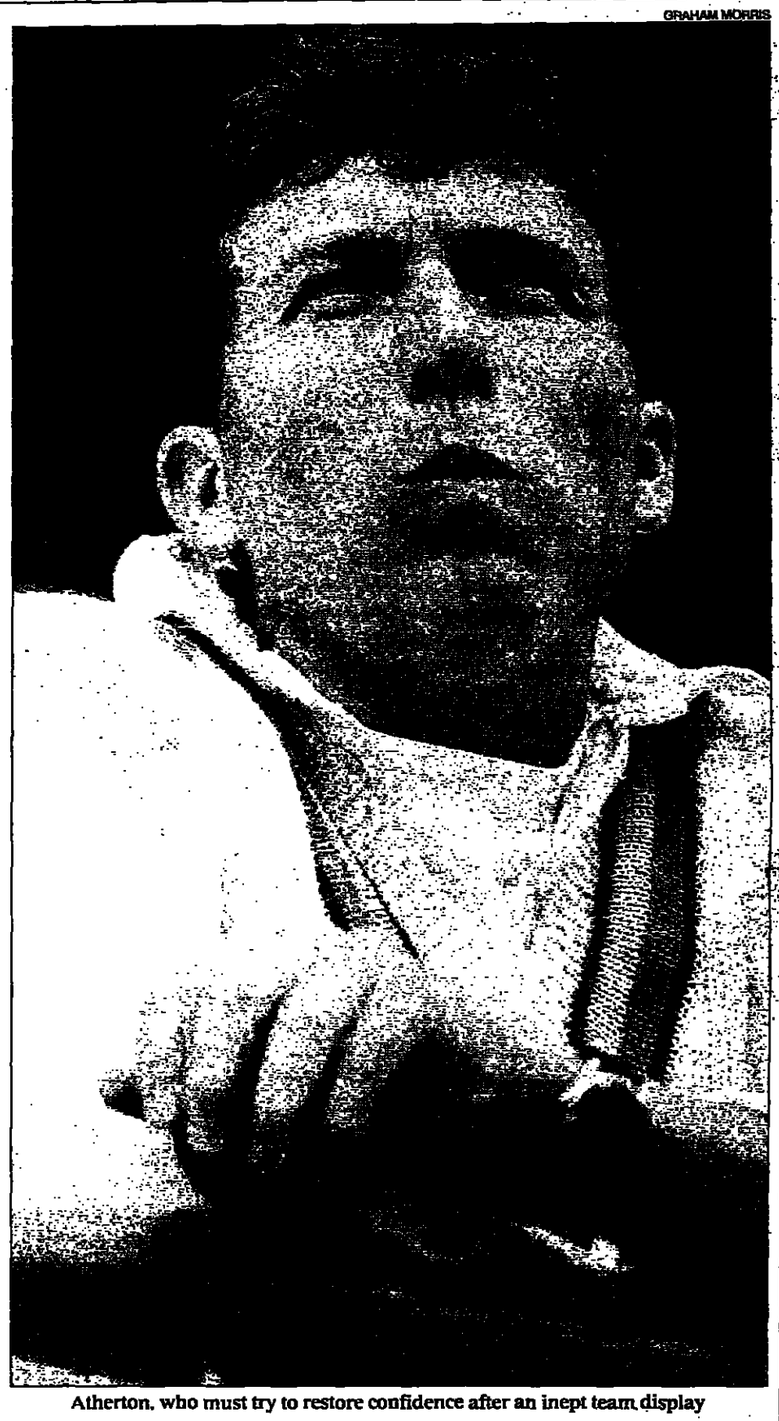
One of the elementary decisions to be taken concerns Alec Stewart. Atherton's wish that he should open with him has begun to waver and Stewart's first innings of the tour on Saturday, a frisky 27 from 33 balls, was not designed to convince. The alternative, restoring Graham Gooch to the No 1 position, with Stewart batting at No 5, looks increasingly attractive.

Gooch played much the most commanding innings of the England batsmen, treating Merv Hughes with near contempt. But, after making 50 in untroubled style, he was distraught at his mode of dismissal, falling across to the off side and losing his middle stump as he tried to work a full-length ball from Paul Reiffel.

His problems, however, are minor compared to those of Graham Thorpe, who was utterly unconvincing, and John Crawley, whose place on Friday remains in doubt following a tired piece of footwork that saw him stumped for 14. As Craig White continues to do insufficient to be thought a No 6 in this side, a recall for Mike Gatting, the greatest admission of disarray England could offer, cannot be discounted.

The 1995 first-class cricket fixtures will be published in *The Times* tomorrow

GRAHAM MORRIS



Atherton, who must try to restore confidence after an inept team display

There is some consolation in the perpetual spirit of Steven Rhodes. On Saturday evening, as the rest of the England lower order departed with a haste that hinted of embarrassment, Rhodes mounted a one-man protest. He was still there yesterday, cleverly confining Philip Tufnell to only one ball in the brief session of cricket possible and sustaining England's slender hopes of avoiding the indignity of the follow-on.

Australia were very much closer to a confident team selection for the Test, especially after Steve Waugh professed himself hopeful of being able to bowl, following his shoulder injury. This would give them the option of including both their spin bowlers and relying on only two front-line fast bowlers, probably Craig McDermott and Glenn McGrath. This game, however, has shown that they have impressive reserves to fall back upon. It has shown England in a far less favourable light.

SCOREBOARD

AUSTRALIAN XI — First Innings

M L Hayden c White b McCague	8
G S Blewett b McCague	53
J L Langer c Rhodes b White	10
*D R Martyn b Tufnell	103
R T Ponting c Rhodes b McCague	71
S G Law c McCague b Gough	68
†M N Atkinson not out	51
G R Robertson c Rhodes b Benjamin	18
Extras (1 lb, 1 w, 1 nb)	3
Total (7 wkts dec)	385

M G Hughes, P R Reiffel and J Angel did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9, 2-40, 3-99, 4-231, 5-267, 6-348, 7-385.

BOWLING: Gough 23-2-101-1; McCague 24-1-115-3; Benjamin 15.5-2-50-1, White 18-3-56-1, Tufnell 23-3-62-1.

Umpires: S G Randell and P Parker.

ENGLAND — First Innings

*M A Atherton c Reiffel b Hughes	2
A J Stewart c Langer b Reiffel	27
G P Thorpe b Angel	19
G A Gooch b Reiffel	50
J P Crawley st Atkinson b Robertson	14
C White lbw b Angel	18
†S J Rhodes not out	46
D Gough c Blewett b Angel	4
M J McCague c Atkinson b Hughes	16
J E Benjamin lbw b Hughes	1
P C Tufnell not out	0
Extras (4 b, 2 lb, 1 nb)	8
Total (9 wkts)	205

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-38, 3-92, 4-117, 5-117, 6-152, 7-156, 8-194, 9-200

BOWLING: Hughes 16.3-4-47-3; Reiffel 18-7-41-2; Robertson 26-7-72-1, Angel 12-2-36-3, Blewett 4-2-3-0

Parore and Harris build record score

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

A SIXTH-WICKET partnership of 201 between Chris Parore and Chris Harris was the cornerstone of a New Zealand total of 538 for seven declared, achieved against Orange Free State on the second day of their four-day match in Bloemfontein yesterday. It was the highest total by a New Zealand touring side in South Africa, beating the previous best of 523, set against Western Province in Cape Town more than 30 years ago.

Parore (127 not out), Bryan Young (111), Harris (95) and Martin Crowe (89) all made the most of a friendly pitch and a depleted Free State attack. The innings was resumed from an overnight score of 409 for five. But the home side was soon making similarly good use of the benign conditions, as Micky Arthur and Rudolf Steyn guided them to 184 without loss at the close.

Illness and injury meant that the South African provincial champions were without five of their front-line bowlers, including Allan Donald, the spearhead of the national side's attack. But their batsmen should be good enough for the 205 runs still required to avoid the follow-on. New Zealand meet South Africa in the first Test, starting on Friday.

Some brave resistance from the Zimbabwe tail could not prevent a 30-run defeat by Western Australia in Kalgoorlie on the opening, one-day match of their tour yesterday.

Despite the absence of Damien Martyn, Justin Langer and Tom Moody, Western Australia reached 266 for five in their allotted 50 overs. Mark Lavender led the way with a fluent 74, while Paul Strang, the leg spinner, took two for 33 for Zimbabwe.

The result looked a formality as Zimbabwe crashed to 75 for five. Strang then hit 43, Eddo Brandes made 38 and Heath Streak 25 but Zimbabwe were all out for 236 in the 47th over.

Tendulkar swings game to India

SACHIN Tendulkar and Sanjay Manjrekar rescued India from a perilous position yesterday and put them in sight of victory in the first Test match against West Indies in Bombay.

India, 11 for three overnight after Kenny Benjamin's inspired fast bowling on Saturday evening, were still in serious trouble at 88 for five, only 117 ahead, when Tendulkar (85) and Manjrekar (66) began their partnership. They so transformed the game that India reached the close at 287 for eight and lead by 316 on a pitch that is unlikely to get any easier.

India's problems at the start of the day were compounded by the departure of the opening batsman, Navjot Sidhu, trapped leg-before by Benjamin with the score at 43.

Tendulkar played the bowling on its merits but, when given the chance to attack, he cut and drove fluently and was especially harsh on the leg spinner, Rajindra Dhanraj. But Mohammad Azharuddin failed to capitalise on a sound start and was caught by Arthurton as he attempted an off drive against Carl Hooper.

The Indian captain's dismissal brought together Tendulkar and Manjrekar, who both looked comfortable during a partnership of 74 that ended when Tendulkar misjudged a ball from Hooper after hitting ten fours and a six. Kumble decided to attack and reached 42 off 66 balls before edging Cuffy to Hooper at second slip. Manjrekar fell to Walsh after making his second half-century of the match but India finished the day happily placed.

"It was a good day for us as I did not expect a total beyond 225 on a wicket like this," Azharuddin said. "We just have to do our job tomorrow on the field and the match could be ours."

West Indies had got themselves into a winning position on Saturday when they went to tea at 194 for four, with Arthurton and Adams both well established. But the Indian spinners, Raju, who took five for 60 and Kumble (3-48) whipped through the lower order, the last six wickets falling for 49.

☐ A devastating spell of swing bowling by Troy Corbett gave Victoria victory by 162 runs in their Sheffield Shield match against Tasmania in Melbourne yesterday.

Corbett took six for 42 in 19 overs as Tasmania crumbled to 112 all out, the only serious resistance coming from the all-rounder, Shaun Young, who followed his ten-wicket match haul with top score of 45.

David Boon, the Tasmanian captain, who was dismissed for six in his last innings before the first Test, was not happy with the state of the pitch at the MCG. "To be honest, I don't think it was entirely up to first-class standard," he said.

New South Wales tightened their grip on the match against Queensland on a third day shortened by bad light. Michael Bevan completed a century as they moved from an overnight 361 for four to 469 all out, a first-innings lead of 266. Queensland were struggling for survival at 114 for four at the close, two of the wickets falling to the former Australian Test all-rounder, Greg Matthews, who is playing his first match for almost a year.

SCOREBOARD

INDIA: First innings 272 (N Mongia 80, S Manjrekar 51, C Walsh 6-79)

Second Innings

M Prabhakar c Hooper b Benjamin	7
N Sidhu lbw b Benjamin	12
†N Mongia c Adams b Benjamin	0
A Kumble c Hooper b Benjamin	0
S Tendulkar c Murray b Hooper	85
*M Azharuddin c Arthurton b Hooper	17
S Manjrekar c Cuffy b Walsh	66
A Kumble c Hooper b Cuffy	42
J Srinath not out	20
R Dhanraj not out	2
Extras (b 12, lb 13, nb 11)	36
Total (8 wkts)	287

S L V Raju to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-10, 3-11, 4-43, 5-88, 6-162, 7-237, 8-265

BOWLING: Walsh 22-6-47-1, Benjamin 18-3-54-4, Dhanraj 10-0-46-0, Hooper 24-4-63-2, Cuffy 12-2-46-1

WEST INDIES: First innings

P V Simmons c Manjrekar b Srinath	19
S C Williams c Azharuddin b Chauhan	49
B C Lara b Raju	14
C L Hooper c Tendulkar b Raju	28
K L T Arthurton c Tendulkar b Raju	42
J C Adams c Kumble b Raju	39
†J Murray lbw b Raju	23
R Dhanraj c Mongia b Kumble	1
K Benjamin c Srinath b Kumble	0
*C A Walsh not out	2
C Cuffy c and b Kumble	0
Extras (b 11, lb 12, nb 3)	26
Total	243

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-34, 2-82, 3-120, 4-120, 5-194, 6-230, 7-241, 8-241, 9-242.

BOWLING: Prabhakar 4-0-18-0, Srinath 13-5-37-1, Kumble 23.5-7-48-3; Chauhan 21-7-57-1, Raju 21-7-60-5

Umpires: H D Bird (Eng) and S K Bansal (India)

Hislop's win marred by rider's death

STEVE Hislop, of Scotland, won his third Macao Grand Prix on Saturday in a motorcycle race marred by the death of Katshuhiro Tottori, of Japan. Three other riders were taken to hospital in separate accidents, causing the race to be cut short.

Hislop, racing a Yamaha 500, finished the race in 52min 55.75sec, nearly three seconds ahead of Mike Edwards. Hislop won the race last year and in 1990. The race was stopped on the sixth lap of the second leg after David Leach, of Britain, fell off. Leach sustained broken ribs and injured a foot. Edwards was timed at 52:58.72 and Phillip McCallen, of Northern Ireland, riding a Yamaha 500, was third in 53:29.39. Akihiro Yamada, of Japan, and Ken Watson, of Australia, also received hospital treatment after hitting barriers.

End of 177-match run

HOCKEY: Western Click Photopoint, the Glasgow club, lost their first Scottish women's league match since the competition started in 1982 when they were beaten 1-0 by Edinburgh Ladies yesterday (Joe Dillon writes). Champions in each of the last 12 years and unbeaten for 177 games, Western's record was ended by an early penalty corner goal from Rhona Simpson, the Scotland international and Great Britain squad player.

Edinburgh, so often the bridesmaids of the sport in Scotland, are level on points with Western and Bonagrass Grove in the first division with the Glasgow club top on goal difference.

Egorova rises to task



ATHLETICS: Valentina Egorova, right, of Russia, pulled clear on an incline with 3.7 miles to go to win the Tokyo women's marathon for the second successive year yesterday. Egorova, the 1992 Olympic gold medal-winner, finished in 2hr 30min 9sec, 21 seconds ahead of Sachiyo Seiyama, of Japan. Rosa Mota, in her first marathon for nearly three years, dropped out after 16 miles.

Batistuta's perfect ten

FOOTBALL: Gabriel Batistuta, the Argentina striker, scored for the tenth consecutive game yesterday to equal a 32-year record for the Italian first division. Batistuta claimed two goals in Fiorentina's 5-2 away win against Napoli, the first coming in the 84th minute and the second from an injury-time penalty kick. Batistuta's feat equalled the mark set by Ezio Pascutti, of Bologna, in 1962.

Stadler surprises field

DUATHLON: Norman Stadler, of Germany, and Irma Heeren, of Holland, surprised strong fields to become the men's and women's world champions respectively in Hobart, Tasmania. Britain achieved success in the higher age groups of the championships, comprising a 10km run, a 40km bike ride and a 5km run to finish, by taking two gold medals, two silver and a bronze.

Italians retain trophy

FENCING: Italy retained the Eden Cup at Crystal Palace on Saturday when Salvadori Sanzo, the world No 3, defeated Christian Stechtweg, of Germany, 15-12 in the final. The Briton, Khaled Beydoun, from London, finished in eleventh place in the tournament, the British round of the men's (under-20) foil World Cup, losing 15-14 to Schechtweg in the last 16 after leading 14-10.

Williams holds nerve

GOLF: Chris Williams won the Zimbabwe Open when he beat the American, Andrew Pitts, at the first hole of a sudden-death play-off yesterday. Williams, born in Liverpool but now a South African citizen, holed a testing four-footer to clinch victory after Pitts had missed a putt for the title from three feet at the 18th. Both finished with totals of 272, 16 under par, equalling the tournament record.

Romania take title

GYMNASTICS: Romania turned in strong performances in each discipline to win the women's title at the world team championships in Dortmund, Germany, yesterday. The United States overcame the loss of Shannon Miller, the individual world champion, who was suffering from exhaustion, to take second place ahead of Russia. China won the men's title on Saturday, with Russia runners-up.

Peshalov lifts world title



WEIGHTLIFTING: Nikolai Peshalov, right, of Bulgaria, won his sixth world championship title in the 59kg category in Istanbul on Saturday. Hafiz Suleymanoglu, of Turkey, was second. Both lifted 135kg in the snatch phase, but Peshalov then broke his own world record in the clean and jerk for a 302.5kg total lift. Another Bulgarian, Radostin Panaitov, lifted 287.5kg for third place.

Panthers riding high

ICE HOCKEY: Nottingham Panthers, who have the only 100 per cent record in the premier division of the British League, beat Sheffield Steelers 9-5 on Saturday, building a 6-1 lead in the first period. With Mario Belanger arriving shortly, the Panthers are likely to become even stronger favourites for the title.

Maassen speeds home

MOTOR SPORT: Kelvin Burt, of Britain, finished second in the Macao Formula Three Grand Prix yesterday, 3.30 seconds behind the German winner, Sascha Maassen, who completed 27 laps of the 3.8-mile Guia street circuit in 1hr 6min 3.75sec. Michael Schumacher's younger brother Ralf, 19, finished fourth in his Macao debut.

Forwards may go west

RUGBY UNION: The West Hartlepool forwards, Mick Watson and Simon Mitchell, have signed registration forms for Harlequins. Dave Stubbs, who replaced Barry Taylor as West's coaching director last week, hopes both players — who appeared for Northern Division on Saturday — can be persuaded to stay.

Meninga departs with Australian dominance secured


Meninga: quiet farewell



Andrew Longmore watches a legendary rugby league performer make his final appearance before his British admirers

As games go, Mal Meninga has had hundreds better. As farewells go, it was almost perfect. Australia are back where they started on Meninga's first tour 12 years ago, a step, a tackle, a thought ahead of Great Britain and, for all the ambitious talk of improvement by the British management, still light years away from defeat by their old enemy. Make no mistake, Britain are getting better. The uncomfortable truth is that so are the Australians. Meninga says that this side is better than the 1982 touring team, the team by which all Australian rugby league sides have been measured. But there is one scrap of comfort for the home side.

At least, it will not have to face man mountain Meninga again after the 23-4 defeat in the third and decisive international. He will bow out for good in the backwaters of Beziers next month, typical Big Mal that, but he was applauded off Elland Road yesterday, not for his own performance, which had the benign air of a headmaster watching over his pupils one last time, but for the pleasure and the pain he has given the game in Britain. A glimpse of his powers in one explosive try-laden year at St Helens and a series of decisive contributions to international disappointment stretching back a lifetime; the first try at Boothferry Park in 1982, the match-winning try at Old Trafford four years ago and plenty of others in between.

Like Allan Border, Meninga has symbolised Australian dominance and though the elegant lope, which his first coach described as "sheer grace", has turned into more of a trundle these days and he has long since given up the goal-kicking chores, his presence alone is worth a point or two. Not for Meninga the clenched fist of encouragement or the overpowering roar, a mere nod of the head or pat on the back is his favoured way of motivation.

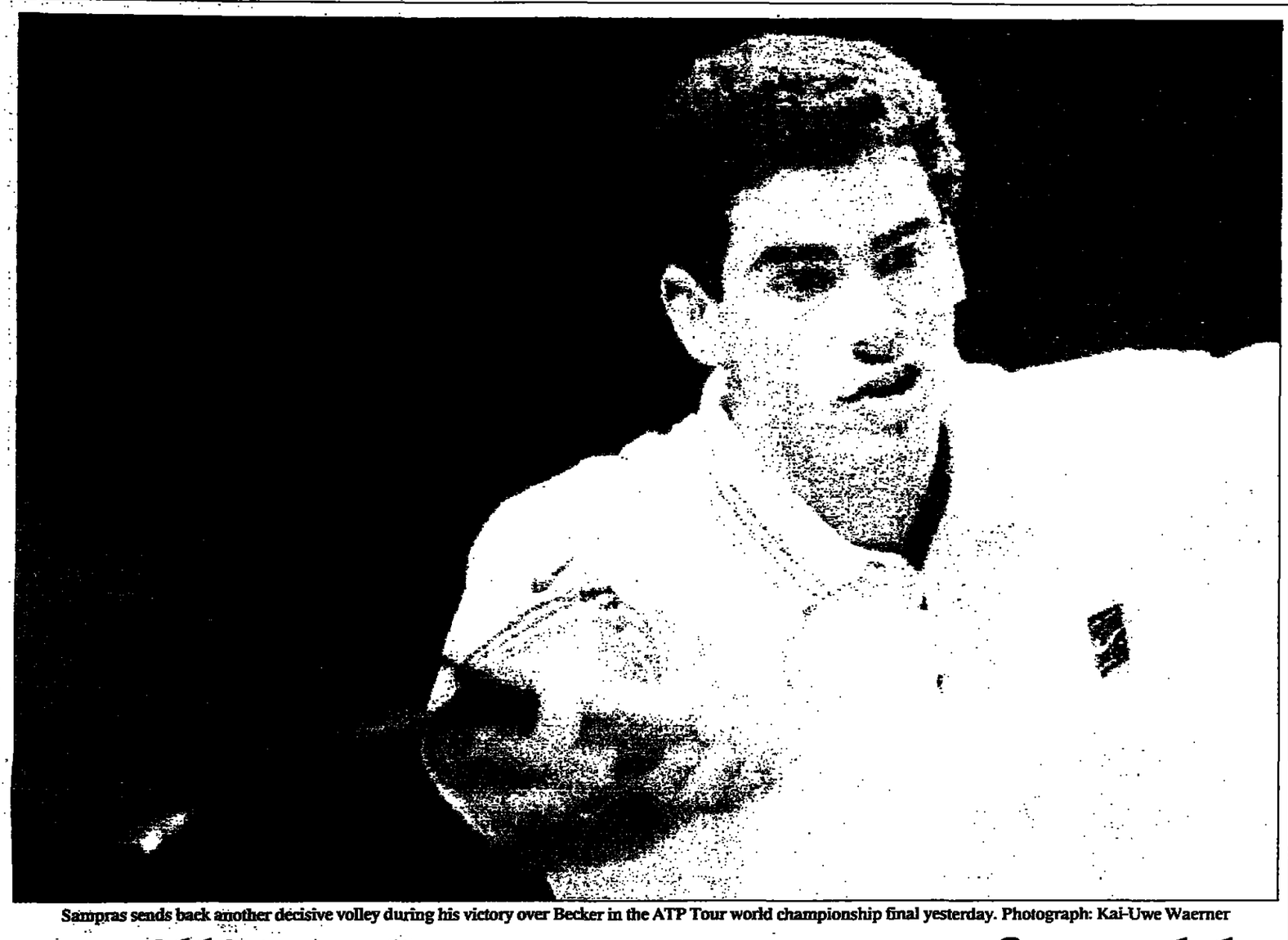
At the final whistle yesterday, every Australian player went over to embrace their captain, and Meninga, ever mindful of his duty, beckoned his side like sheep to the centre of the field to acknowledge the plaudits. Moments later, with the Australian dressing-room in joyous turmoil, Meninga stood alone, a strangely withdrawn figure, finding out which bit of his body hurt most and putting his back teeth back in.

"It's a strange feeling, knowing I'm not going to be coming back here again. I don't really know what to do with myself. I've always enjoyed the crowds over here, in many ways more than Australian crowds, because they enjoy good rugby, whoever plays it, and I wanted to score a try for them. But we have had a successful tour now and that's the most important thing." He did not sound delighted. One more international and he will be taking up his post in the marketing department of the Canberra Raiders, his club in Australia. Only then, perhaps, will he fully realise what he is missing.

Meninga had some encouragement and guidance for the British game, which was deep into traditional self-analysis barely minutes after honourable, but inevitable, defeat. "You've got to get this sort of football week in, week out. Your club competition has to be strengthened," he said. "But I don't think you ought to be too down about it. That was a tough game and we only got away in the last 20 minutes."

To be fair, Meninga had a quiet game. It was almost as if he had mentally passed the baton over to his team-mates already, wanting to check that they could carry it on without him. A couple of misplaced passes, a timely interception early in the second half, a rare walk down the line, the general inspecting his troops, just to let his boys know he was there. That was about the sum of it; nothing to alter the view that his decision to resist all attempts to prolong his career beyond the age of 34 had been for the best. The suggestion that he might be back in Britain sometime in the future, as a coach perhaps, was greeted with a firm shake of that Fred Flintstone-like head. No way.

The trouble for the Lions as they retire to lick their wounds for another two years is that the future of the Australian game is in good hands, a point not lost on Paul Newlove, who is seen by some as the natural successor to the title of the world's best centre. Newlove could be proud of himself. He gave Meninga no room at all, though giving away two stone. "He's a powerful guy and a great player, but it's not just him. There are 12 others who are equally intimidating. Meninga might have gone, but someone else will come in to take his place, that's for sure." It is a worrying prospect for British hopes of finding the Holy Grail.


Sampras sends back another decisive volley during his victory over Becker in the ATP Tour world championship final yesterday. Photograph: Kai-Uwe Waerner

Brilliant Sampras on top of world

FROM STUART JONES
TENNIS CORRESPONDENT
IN FRANKFURT

PETE Sampras has finished the year as he started it. The closing masterpiece may have been flawed but, in beating Boris Becker in the Association of Tennis Professionals Tour world championship final here yesterday, he completed the restoration of his stature as indisputably the game's best player.

Not since Ivan Lendl bestrode the world has anyone been so commanding a figure, and yet Sampras's season was disrupted by injury once he had retained the Wimbledon title in July. "The scary thing is that it could have been even better," he has repeated throughout the week.

Nevertheless, he protected his position as the No 1 throughout the year, as Lendl last did in 1987, and accumulated ten titles, as Lendl last did in 1989. "After all the bad breaks during the fall, I guess I was due [some luck]," he reflected. His fortunes started to change on Friday, when his fate lay in Becker's hands.

Had Stefan Edberg hung on to the advantage he established early in the decisive set against the German, it would have been Sampras who would have been eliminated, in spite of recording two victories in the round-robin series. Becker, in recovering, ushered him in to a semi-final against Andre Agassi, his American compatriot.

That encounter, on Saturday, was the main feature of the tournament, although it was marred first by the crass intervention of the umpire, Rudi Berger, and then by Agassi's ill-disciplined response. Even their unseemly squabble could not obscure the quality that reached dazzling heights.

If Berger could be accused of speaking out of turn — the ball he ruled to have landed beyond a distant baseline towards the end of the second set was shown on television replays to have been too close to call — Agassi was guilty of excessive petulance. A dormant volcano, he kept on erupting.


Becker: consolation

Although he did not admit as much, the semi-final was already turning towards an inspired Sampras. "The level of tennis was as high as I have ever played," Sampras pronounced. By his lofty standards, that is some appraisal, but Sampras could not be charged with excessive exaggeration.

Initially, he descended to a lower plane in the final and, with a double fault, effectively gave his opponent the opening he required to take the first set. Thereafter, in a duel heavily influenced by the power of the service, Becker was the more erratic, and especially midway through the second set.

"For some reason, I lost my concentration for a few minutes," Becker lamented. The lapse, though brief, was critical. With three of his dozen double faults, he persistently offered Sampras opportunities to lead 4-2. He converted the third and, in going on to level the match, lifted his belief.

It was never to be shaken. In spite of seeing a constant stream of yellow tracer bullets — Becker blasted 30 aces — Sampras put in practice a theory forged with his coach, Tom Gullickson. He took a step or two backwards to give himself room to attack the second service.

"Boris volleys well, but not as well as Edberg," Sampras explained. With his own fifth ace, he avoided being broken at 5-5 before, with a dipping backhand, he left Becker sprawling at the foot of the net and contemplating a 5-6 deficit. "That was where the match was lost," Becker conceded.

With his hair cut severely, and sporting a straggly beard, Becker carries the air of a warrior wearing a Titian helmet, complete with a chin-strap. Yet, even with the loud vocal support of 9,000 of his country-folk behind him, he was unable to pierce the defences of the 23-year-old champion.

Sampras had reckoned that "nothing but injury" could have stopped him during the first half of the year. As against Agassi, he was again irresistible. He was, as Becker put it, "flying for the last 20 minutes". In two hours and 39 minutes he completed his victory, 4-6, 6-3, 7-5, 6-4.

Sampras thus gained revenge for his defeat in Stockholm a fortnight ago — when Becker also beat the world's No 2, Goran Ivanisevic, and No 3, Michael Stich — and earlier in the week he also collected $1,225,000 (about £825,000), the lavish reward for winning four of his five matches.

Becker finished with the same record, but received half as much. The greater compensation is that, today, on the eve of his 27th birthday, he will climb above Ivanisevic and Sergi Bruguera, who was three times on the point of leading him by a set and 5-4 in the other semi-final, to third place in the rankings.

The champion in 1988 and 1992, as well as the runner-up in 1985, 1986 and 1989, Becker has evidently found the conviction that had deserted him for a couple of years. Agassi, too, has recently demonstrated that he is a genuine contender. Sampras may not have all his own way in 1995.

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Sabatini feels completely ready for long overdue win

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

GABRIELA Sabatini's giant step toward winning the Virginia Slims tennis championship in New York got a little help from Kimiko Date's leg. Sabatini, seeking her first tournament title in two and a half years, secured a spot in the best-of-five-set final last night by outlasting the eighth-seeded Date 4-6, 6-0, 6-3.

The Argentinian right-hander was to take on Lindsay Davenport, the No 7 seed, for the title and $250,000 (£166,000) in this season-ending event. Davenport advanced by defeating Mary Pierce 6-3, 6-2 in the other semi-final.

Sabatini was one of the bright hopes on the women's tour. She won this 16-player tournament in 1988 and took the US Open two years later. While she has not won a major tournament since then, she hasn't won a tournament of any kind since the Italian Open in May 1992. This is her 44th tournament and her eighth final since then.

"I think the mental part has a lot to do with it," Sabatini said of her poor sequence. "In 1990 I was mentally very focused and I played a great tournament at the Open when I won. Technically, I think I'm a better player today. But, of course, the mental part has a lot to do with it. If it is not there, I'm not there. But talking about this tournament, everything is there — mentally, physically, technically."

It may be prophetic that her first-round opponent was Martina Navratilova, playing in her final tournament before retiring as a singles player. Sabatini sent Navratilova, the most successful player in history, into retirement probably earlier than she had expected or wanted. And Sabatini did it by playing her best in years.

She needed to continue that to get past Date, who beat the third seed, Conchita Martinez, in the quarter-final round on Friday. But Date strained a quadriceps muscle in her right leg, an injury that bothered her against Sabatini.

Date won the final three games to take the first set, breaking Sabatini in the eighth and tenth games, but Sabatini, cheered on by the Madison Square Garden crowd of 16,838, sailed through the second set.

In the battle of the sluggers, Davenport, 18, was aggressive from the baseline, outhitting Pierce in their long-range exchanges. The 6ft 3in Davenport took control early, breaking Pierce in the fourth game then holding on to complete the opening set in 31 minutes.

By keeping Pierce on the run and negating her power, Davenport stepped up her own forceful game, hitting the ball deep and near the lines. After Pierce took a 2-1 lead, Davenport pulled even with a love game to begin a five-game run that carried her into the final.

"It's kind of hard for me to swallow this match," Pierce, who eliminated Graf on Thursday, said. "I just felt from the very beginning I was never in the match. I didn't have the energy I did when I played Steffi."

Gigi Fernandez and Natalia Zvereva successfully defended their doubles title, defeating Jana Novotna and


Sabatini: focused

Arantxa Sánchez Vicario, the 1991 Virginia Slims championships winners, 6-3, 6-7, 6-3.

It ended a remarkable two days for Fernandez, a native of Puerto Rico who now lives in Colorado, and Zvereva, of Belorussia.

The world's top-ranked doubles players won their semi-final match on Friday by outlasting Patty Fendick and Meredith 4-6, 7-6, 6-2 in the semi-finals and will meet Novotna and Sánchez Vicario for this year's title. Novotna and Sánchez Vicario won the final in 1992.

The eventual winners trailed 4-6, 1-5 before taking the second set into a tie-break. They then trailed 6-2 in the tie-break and saved four match points. But they never trailed in the final set, finally winning when Novotna's forehand from the baseline sailed long.

Bullets fall short of mark

BY NICHOLAS HARLING

THE arrival of Birmingham Bullets' new American player, whoever he may be, cannot come soon enough for the Budweiser League's most enigmatic basketball club.

Already out of the 7-Up Trophy, the Bullets are suffering while basketball bureaucracy holds up the work permit for the man to replace Nate Atchinson, dismissed last month. "I cannot reveal who he is but I can tell you that he will be a considerable asset," Harry Wrublewski, the club's owner said.

In a season when the title is up for grabs with seemingly half the clubs in contention, the Bullets are rapidly conceding their chance. The latest upset, their third at the National Indoor Arena, was at the hands of Doncaster Panthers, who were good value for a 91-83 win on Saturday. "Birmingham are athletic and they hustle," the visiting player-coach, Mark Harvey, said. "I am surprised they've lost five games but what they clearly need is a big guy."

Since Birmingham's tallest player, the 6ft 10in England junior, Nick Donovan, is rarely used, Clive Allen took on the onerous task of subduing Chris Fite, who is 6ft 9in. The fact that the in-form American added to his 40 points the previous week, the League's highest individual score of the season, with another 34, reveals how well he exploited his one-inch height advantage over Allen.

In other departments, Birmingham want not. The newcomer, Kurt Samuels, has joined two of the League's best recently-recruited playmakers, Nigel Lloyd and Stedroy Baker, to make them exceptionally powerful in the back court. Between them, they sank 60 of their team's points, including eight three-pointers.

Doncaster's Yorkshire rivals, Sheffield Sharks, trailed for most of their game at Derby Bucks before a four-point play from Garnet Gayle gave the League leaders an advantage they never surrendered. Roger Huggins (18 points) was the leading scorer for Sharks in their 60-57 win.

Without Russ Saunders, Colin Kirkham and Gord Wood, Sunderland Scorpions were no match for the Leopards, who retained second position in the table by winning 104-87 with the help of 31 points from Henri Abrams. Colin Irish returned for Worthing Bears with 28 points in the 94-88 success over Leicester City Riders, who did not, after all, face the former Olympic athlete, Kriss Akabusi, detained because of television commitments.

Doherty back to his best to reach last eight


Hendry: broke own record

BY PHIL YATES

KEN Doherty, a player with realistic ambitions of becoming the first winner of the event from the Republic of Ireland since Patsy Fagan won the inaugural staging in 1977, comfortably reached the quarter-finals of the Royal Liver Assurance United Kingdom snooker championship at Preston yesterday.

Doherty was not at his best during Saturday's opening session of a third-round match with Fergal O'Brien, his compatriot, but that was not the case on the resumption as the Regal Scottish Masters champion converted a 5-3 overnight lead into a 9-4 victory.

It was obvious from the moment that Doherty compiled a decisive break of 49 in the ninth frame with the reds trickily placed that he was playing well again. Doherty potted brown, blue and pink to move 7-3 ahead, and that soon became 8-3 with a 104 clearance in the eleventh frame.

O'Brien, successful on his only previous meeting with Doherty at the 1992 Irish championship, delayed his departure from the contest with an 87 break in the next frame before Doherty finally closed down proceedings by making a run of 85.

"I'm a lot more consistent now than I was this time last year," Doherty, the world No 7, said. "The main priority is to capture more titles and I also think it's possible, given the right results, to force my way into the world's top four by the end of the season."

If Doherty, now in virgin territory after failing to reach the quarter-finals of the championship in four previous attempts, is to progress further, he must beat Ronnie O'Sullivan, the defending champion or Terry Griffiths, winner of the title in 1982.

Largely as a result of his tactical superiority, Griffiths led O'Sullivan 3-2. But breaks of 75, 88 and 76 earned the precocious 18-year-old the remaining three frames of Saturday evening's first session and a 5-3 advantage.

Like O'Sullivan, Peter Ebdon was well placed to accompany Doherty into the quarter-finals yesterday. He held a commanding 7-1 lead over Jason Ferguson, the surprise second-round conqueror of Jimmy White.

Stephen Hendry who recovered from 4-8 down to beat Dean Reynolds 9-8 in the last 32, emphatically beat Willie Thorne 9-2 on Saturday. In the process, Hendry broke his own record for points scored without reply from an opponent.

Hendry aggregated 454 unanswered points between the end of the seventh frame and a run of 43 with which he opened the eleventh. That sequence superceded the previous record of 443, established by the Scot during a 9-3 victory over John Parrott in the semi-finals of the UK championship last year.

Included in Hendry's dominant run were breaks of 128, 101 and 103, which made the world champion the first player to compile centuries in three consecutive frames on two occasions — he originally accomplished the feat 12 months ago against Parrott.

In fact, three successive century breaks have only been constructed 11 times in professional competition yet, until mid-October, this figure stood at eight. Apart from Hendry, Andy Hicks, at the Skoda Grand Prix, and Barry Pinches, during the Benson and Hedges championship, have registered the rare hat-trick since then.

RESULTS: Saturday: Third round: S Hendry (Scot) bt W Thorne (Eng) 9-2. Latest position: R O'Sullivan (Eng) leads T Griffiths (Wales) 5-3. Yesterday: K Doherty (Ire) bt F O'Brien (Ire) 9-4. Latest position: P Ebdon (Eng) leads J Ferguson (Eng) 7-1

Porous Ipswich swamped by Blackburn's wealth of talent



Williams: tireless



David Miller *watches Rovers maintain their title chase with a 3-1 victory that underlined the Premiership gulf in class*

The steward at the main gate confiscated my umbrella. You cannot be too careful these days. "Referee accosted by man from *The Times*", he maybe imagined reading in his Sunday paper. If my brolly were indeed so threatening, the gateman should have loaned it to the Ipswich Town attack.

Or even to their defence. Ipswich certainly could find no other way to impede Sutton and Shearer, Blackburn Rovers' intimidating pair, who strangely only become a real footballing partnership when they are within some 14 yards of the goal. Elsewhere, they are often strangers, but Kenny Dalglish is not complaining as his team proceeds, locust-like, through most opposition, winning 3-1 at Portman Road on Saturday. And it might have been more.

If it is possible to buy the FA Carling Premiership title — legitimately — Jack Walker, their owner, may this season prove to have done so. Blackburn are ominously consistent.

Here, the stark contrast could be viewed at opposite ends of the table: Blackburn demonstrating, again, that they are going to be pushed around by nobody, even when missing the likes of Hendry, Berg and Wilcox; Ipswich revealing that they are likely to be rolled over by anybody. Observing the disparity in class, John Lyall or Paul Goddard, Ipswich's respective manager and coach, could be forgiven for throwing in the towel.

Blackburn were a world apart. They needed two touches to control the ball to Ipswich's three — or four; they were quicker to the ball sometimes, embarrassingly, by yards; and, of course, they boast the small matter of Walker's £8 million investment in Sutton and Shearer, who raised their collective aggregate to 28 goals. By comparison, Paz and Marshall were lightweight, mere acorns bouncing off the roof.

Mind you, there is no panic in the Ipswich boardroom, where crisis, as long ago defined by the late John Cobbold, only arises when the gin runs out. Those who, in the present wave of managerial dismissals, might have hoped afterwards for words of warning, if nothing else a declaration of anxiety, from the chairman, John Kerr, went away empty-handed. Ipswich would greet a return to the Endsleigh Insurance League, which is where their bus is headed, as reluctantly as anyone, but dignity at the top, characteristically, displays more steadiness than the team's defence. Together with Tottenham, Ipswich have the league's worst record of 30 goals conceded, 16 of those at home.

Cocky supporters from Merseyside used to chant at Ipswich rivals: "They're all wearing wellies over there". This was an afternoon, especially in the second half, when it was the team that seemed to be wearing the gumboots. When Thomsen carefully placed his shot from 16 yards wide of Flowers to level the score on the half-hour it might have appeared that Ipswich were still in the chase but, in reality, they were being outclassed on too many fronts to afford optimism.

True, they worked at it. Thomsen, the labouring Dane, little Williams and the experienced Sedgley tried to keep the midfield momentum positive, and Paz occasionally worried Le Saux down the right flank with the kind of Uruguayan guile that, on the world stage, is nowadays no more than a memory.

At the back, Ipswich were a castle of sand, continuously eroded by the tide of counter-attacks from Ripley or Slater down the wings, or the million-pound wage-earners through the middle. Linighan and Youds, the Ipswich centre backs, were always in danger of submersion.

Blackburn had soon gone in front. An error on the right led to a cross by Le Saux. Shearer headed down in the path of Sutton, and his carefully prodded shot was scooped onto the post and away by Forrest; but only after it had crossed the line: Sutton's fifteenth goal of the season.

Ipswich plodded hopefully, and a mazy run by Paz led to Thomsen drawing level. Not for long. Ipswich creaked, were exposed by Ripley's pass through the middle, and Sherwood ran through to flick beyond Forrest.

Early in the second half, Slater and then Williams might have pulled their side level again, but Ipswich were sinking fast when Warhurst's cross found Sutton unmarked on the far post. Shearer sweeping home the loose ball from Forrest's parried save.

IPSWICH TOWN (4-4-2): C Forrest — F Yallop, D Linighan, E Youds (sub: S Milton, 73min), P Whelan — C Thomsen, G Williams, S Sedgley, P Mason — A Paz, I Marshall.
BLACKBURN ROVERS (4-4-2): T Flowers — P Warhurst, I Pearce, A Gale, G Le Saux — S Ripley, T Sherwood, M Atkins, R Slater — C Sutton, A Shearer.
Referee: K Burge.

Grobbelaar welcomed as saint not sinner



Rob Hughes *on a 1-0 victory for Southampton over Arsenal that drew a worldwide audience*

Seldom has a clean sheet held such meaning in British football. With Arsenal accomplices, to the extent of missing a penalty, Bruce Grobbelaar emerged from the shadows of being an alleged match-fixer to being unbeaten in Southampton colours for the first time.

Around him there was bedlam, a theatre of the bizarre. England's national game was on trial, for the throng of 200 reporters and cameramen, here from all parts of the globe, had come to pry into a man's integrity, and into the honesty of football in its homeland.

It all brought to The Dell, this most cramped of English stadiums, a pressure on space and time and belief. The goalkeeper stands on his line within spitting distance of the crowd, and the clamour around him was predictably divided. "He's bald, he's bent, his bungs have all been spent," chorused a small gang of Arsenal supporters in the 15,201 capacity crowd.

Against that the banners of the faithful, imprinted on Union Jacks and bare bed sheets, proclaimed: "Bruce is inno-saint", with a halo over the final "i".

And to compound the whole strange feeling, for which some spectators (mostly journalists) had paid £150 for £15 tickets, there was the overwhelming antipathy towards the media. One banner read: "*The Sun* ain't going to print anymore."

By now you will gather this was an occasion of extremes. Nobody should underplay the gravity of the charges, in *The Sun* and from the headquarters of the Football Association, against this goalkeeper. But as he entered the stage, a man who has shed half a stone in the past ten days, he looked neither nervous nor submissive. "Nobody," he had told Lawrie McMenemy, the Southampton director of football, "has ever played under such pressure." No? Gary Lineker, performing for Tottenham Hotspur while the life of his infant son was in the balance with leukaemia, surely came close to such inner turmoil.

There was, believe it or not, a football match, with the points which could ultimately determine the future of Southampton Football Club at stake. During the first half, in which Arsenal took moribund pleasure in compressing space and ensuring that Keown repressed Le Tissier, there was one compelling moment. It involved Paul Dickov, the darting Glaswegian imp who, at 22, is still little more than an Arsenal apprentice.

Five yards out, he faced Grobbelaar. "Either side of the goalkeeper, and it has to be a goal," George Graham, the Arsenal manager, observed. But Dickov did not shoot either side. Perhaps sharing the focus of everybody, his effort was drawn straight at Grobbelaar; the reflexes of the goalkeeper, the reaction to pounce when the ball spun loose off his torso, were brave and alert.



Magilton: outsider

After Dickov's attempt, a wag in the crowd stood up and shouted: "He's the one, the Short Man!" It was a jocular reference to the elusive, unnamed middleman, the alleged go-between who was supposed to have paid Grobbelaar £40,000 to throw a match last year on behalf of an equally unidentified Far East betting syndicate.

Speaking of betting, Southampton is one of those clubs which encourages, in the match programme, the spectators to bet on fixed odds with Ladbrokes on the scorer of the first goal.

When it came, that too was a first for Southampton, for Jim Magilton had never put the ball in the net at The Dell before. He was a 16-1 shot, but he looked confident, sharp and thoroughly practised as he chipped the ball with his right foot between Seaman and the near post.

The effect that goal had on the crowd and the players was such that it made it impossible to underestimate what a crime it would be for a goalkeeper, or anyone else, to sell such a goal for greed.

The effect was particularly tangible on Grobbelaar. He had seemed uncommonly full of nervous energy, his actions the personification of intense concentration, bouncing on the balls of his feet, backing away, bravely and acrobatically repelling Arsenal when their few chances came.

The crux of his match came between the 57th and 67th minutes. First, growing in confidence with the most vociferous section of Southampton's Archer Road crowd at his back, and with the Arsenal accusers where he could see them to his left, Grobbelaar had ventured out of his goal, had tricked Dickov with a matador's body-swerve, and had wellied the ball downfield.

"We're all right," McMenemy had said at that instant to Bob Wilson. "Brucie's himself!" Indeed, the ball fell to Winterburn who immediately tried to lob the ball into the unguarded net, Grobbelaar scampered back to gather it safely, and milked the applause of his audience.

> 'The reflexes of the goalkeeper, the reaction to pounce when the ball spun loose, were brave and alert'

And then, after Magilton's goal in the sixtieth minute, came the Arsenal penalty in the 67th. Benali had bodychecked Dickov and he, the least experienced man in the Arsenal team, took the penalty. Grobbelaar came off his line to act the clown, was sent back by the referee, and then gambled. He dived to his right, Dickov shot towards the left, but too high and too wide.

The closest Grobbelaar was to come to dishonesty on this grey, mild Saturday was to tell McMenemy that he had dummied to go one way in order to deceive Dickov. The truth was that Dickov betrayed himself, and for that reason Grobbelaar's return was complete.

He was to be spirited away, smuggled out of the ground by the same route that he had entered, with the Southampton club clearly enjoying their game of cat and mouse with the thronging media. Grobbelaar will spend today and tomorrow at a secret location working with his Liverpool lawyers on his response to the FA charge of accepting money with a view to predetermining the result of a match. He must decide how much to tell them, how much to conceal in his hand for the libel action he plans against *The Sun*. Meanwhile, he asks for everyone to keep faith, to wait until he is in a position "to tell everyone what they wish to hear".

As he drove away from The Dell, Susie from Southampton was calling David Mellor on the *6.06* programme, in praise of the Arsenal supporters who had stood applauding the goalkeeper at the end. We see and hear what we want to. "Bruce is a hero, a man, and a presence," McMenemy concluded. "We like to keep our heroes right up there, don't we?" If they are straight, yes we do.

SOUTHAMPTON (3-4-2-1): B Grobbelaar — F Benali, T Widdrington, R Hall — J Kenna, J Magilton, N Maddison; N Heaney — M Le Tissier, R Ekelund — I Dowie.
ARSENAL (3-4-3): D Seaman — A Adams, S Bould, N Winterburn — L Dixon, I Selley, M Keown, S Schwarz — E McGoldrick (sub: J Carter, 71), P Dickov, K Campbell.
Referee: L Dilkes.

JULIAN HERBERT



Grobbelaar, the focus of the media's attention, was down but far from out during Southampton's victory against Arsenal at The Dell

Kinnear predicts the mighty will fall at Selhurst

Wimbledon 3
Newcastle United 2

BY PAT GIBSON

THERE are three kinds of lies in football: lies, damned lies and Wimbledon. Eight players booked and one sent off — Vincent Jones, who else? — suggest that the team everyone likes to despise kicked Newcastle United off the top of the Premiership. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Wimbledon won this pulsating match entirely on merit. The top contenders still have to play them at Selhurst Park and the Wimbledon factor will sort out the champions from the pretenders.

"Not bad for a team that was even money to be relegated," Joe Kinnear, the Wimbledon manager, said. "We're not bothered who we play. We'll finish higher than the sixth place we got last season and get your money on us for the Cup. We're only 66-1."

They are certainly a better bet than the National Lottery. Wimbledon were wobbling a few weeks ago, after selling Fashanu and Scales. But the acquisition of Leonhardsen, the Norwegian, Ekoku, the Nigerian, Cunningham and Goodman has given them new impetus.

Goodman lasted only nine minutes before going off to have nine stitches inserted in a gashed chin but by then Clarke had already put Wimbledon ahead in the second minute with a stunning left-foot finish.

Ekoku increased Wimbledon's lead in the 27th minute, touching the ball over after Leonhardsen had headed against a post. Though Newcastle's sometimes awesome pressure brought two goals in two minutes through Beardsley and Kitson, Wimbledon were back in front after 37 minutes when Leonhardsen's cross and Barton's header gave Harford his chance.

That turned out to be the end of the scoring but it was not the end of the drama in a game of 47 goal attempts, thrilling saves, a missed penalty by Barton after Venison had brough him down and the almost inevitable sending-off of Jones — for the eighth time in his career.

The Wimbledon captain and standard-bearer had been unlucky to be cautioned in the first half for a challenge that was more clumsy than dangerous, but when he tackled Lee recklessly from behind, the referee flourished another yellow card rapidly followed by a red one with all the alacrity of a man who had, indeed, won the lottery.

Jones and Kinnear were left to complain yet again about the maddening inconsistency of refereeing. It is not so much the offences that are punished that upset players as those that are not, like Venison's tackle on Barton and Srnicek's blatant movement before he saved the penalty. In the end, however, justice was served.

WIMBLEDON (4-2-4): H Segers — K Cunningham, A Thom, A Reeves, G Ekoku — V Jones, O Leonhardsen — W Barton (sub: S Fitzgerald, 88min), J Goodman (sub: M Harford, 16), E Elkoku, A Clarke.
NEWCASTLE UNITED (5-1-3-1): P Srnicek — M Hottiger, D Peacock (sub: L Clark, 56), S Howey, P Albert, S Beresford — B Venison — R Lee, P Beardsley, R Fox — P Kitson (sub: S Watson, 88).
Referee: P Don.

Fry explains his blushes

Birmingham 0
Bournemouth 0

BY IVO TENNANT

SO, HERE is the scenario. Bottom-placed club, one point from eight away matches, travels to play the team expected to win their division and grinds it into shapelessness. The loss of home points is put down to the players' attitude, useless officials, the opposition raising their game. Never the management.

This was how Barry Fry — no more myopic than any other manager in such circumstances — saw Birmingham's performance. In fairness, this was their third match in eight days, for no meeting with Aston Villa, not even one to celebrate the opening of the club's £5.5 million new stand, could ever be described as an exhibition.

So Birmingham were a trifle sluggish. But the overriding reason why they did not win was because they wanted "to take the lace out of the ball", as Fry eloquently put it: they thought they could toy with Bournemouth by passing the ball into the net.

That could never have happened. Not with so much experience in Bournemouth's team. Virtually every player seems to have been with a big club at one time. Mel Machin, the Bournemouth manager, was once hand-picked by Peter Swales to reinvigorate Manchester City.

It was, indeed, true that the longer the match went on, the more likely Bournemouth were to take the points. They should have done with 17 minutes remaining. An error by Whyte, the Birmingham left back, left Robinson an unimpeded run at goal but he found only the side netting.

The first half had been a different matter. Dominguez is a far more slippery winger than a transfer fee of £180,000 from Benfica might suggest. Ward had two intelligent chips well saved and Daish should have done more than head a clever free kick straight at the goalkeeper. In all, the new stand left a more lasting impression.

BIRMINGHAM (4-4-3): I Bennett — G Poole, D Barnett, L Daish, C Whyte — J Hunt, M Ward, P Shearer — S Claridge (L Donowa, 58min), S McGavin (sub: P Tait, 63), J Dominguez.
BOURNEMOUTH (4-4-2): I Andrews — N Young, M Morris, A Watson, A Pennock — C Leadbitter, R Beardsmore, S Mean, T Scully (sub: M McElhatton, 82) — S Robinson, S Jones.
Referee: R Furnandiz.

Young pair spice United's surge

Manchester United 3
Crystal Palace 0

BY PETER BALL

THINGS are coming nicely to the boil for Manchester United. On Saturday, with the latest of their thrusting youth-team products making outstanding contributions, they beat Crystal Palace to go to the top of the FA Carling Premiership for the first time this season. Tomorrow they fly to Gothenburg for the game that will determine their immediate future in Europe.

Even with Steve Bruce suspended, adding to a lengthening list of absentees, the game on Saturday was always likely to be the easier part of the equation. So it proved. United have won all eight home Premiership games without conceding a goal, while scoring 20 themselves. With Pilkington coming on to do all that was asked of him, not even the departure of Schmeichel with a ricked back, after seven minutes, interrupted their surge. They ultimately tore Crystal Palace apart with dazzling football, the introduction of two more young players, Gary Neville and Simon Davies, making no difference to the wit and imagination on display.

The preference of Alex Ferguson, the United manager, for experienced defenders means Neville may not be given his chance in the Champions' League match on Wednesday, but he was exceptional against Palace. Neat, bright and precise, whether tackling, covering behind the occasionally uncertain David May, using the ball with intelligent accuracy or supporting Andrei Kanchelskis with well-timed runs, he pushed Eric Cantona and Kanchelskis for the accolade of man of the match.

Davies was not far behind. With Giggs, Sharpe and another outstanding prospect, Ben Thornley, all competing for the position, his opportunities on the left have been limited, but he did well enough to reveal that Ferguson has an alternative if Giggs fails to make it in Gothenburg. Davies getting down the left with style to put in a steady supply of crosses.

Palace discovered it was not going to be their day as early as the seventh minute. While Schmeichel departed at one end, at the other Irwin's free kick deflected off the wall to leave Martyn stranded, and United took off.

"Are you City in disguise?" the supporters taunted. Palace deserved better than that but were sometimes in danger of being swamped as Kanchelskis tore them apart and Cantona indulged his rich brand of subtle flicks and searching longer passes.

The pair claimed the other two goals, Kanchelskis picking out Cantona with a superb cross for the second, and racing clear from Hughes's flick to score the third himself. That done, he departed to a standing ovation, allowing Keith Gillespie to come on.

"Some of the football was superb. They've obviously got their confidence really high," Ferguson said. "I hope that confidence can be reproduced on Wednesday."

Sharpe and Parker are out and Schmeichel has joined Keane and Giggs on the doubtful list. Walsh, however, should be fit. The injury list is still a serious problem, but at least United could hardly have had a better send-off.

The only thing that spoilt the afternoon was one contribution from Brian Hill, who is accident-prone where United are concerned. A chapter of controversial incidents persuaded Ferguson to write to the Football Association demanding that he was not to referee United games.

The FA properly ignored that pressure, and last season Hill sent off Cantona at Swindon, on an arguable decision. On Saturday, however, he ignored an apparently blatant professional foul by Irwin, who was robbed by the lively Armstrong, and brought the forward down to prevent him breaking clear.

MANCHESTER UNITED (4-4-2): P Schmeichel (sub: K Pilkington, 7min) — G Neville, D May, G Pallister, D Irwin — A Kanchelskis (sub: K Gillespie, 82), B McClair, P Ince, S Davies (sub: P Scholes, 70) — E Cantona, M Hughes.
CRYSTAL PALACE (4-4-2): N Martyn — D Patterson (sub: R Bowry, 70), R Shaw, G Coleman, D Gordon — J Humphrey, G Southgate, R Newman, N Sedley — C Armstrong, A Preece.
Referee: B Hill.

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Despair and delight as newcomers take first ride on Premiership roller-coaster



Barmby, the Tottenham Hotspur striker, eludes King to get in a powerful shot on the Aston Villa goal at White Hart Lane on Saturday. Photograph: James Morgan

Rudderless rivals managing nicely



Simon Barnes on an entertaining spin-off to the sacking season as Aston Villa beat Tottenham 4-3

The conclusion is unmistakable. No half-measures: sack *all* the managers at *all* the clubs, and don't trouble to replace them, either.

Aston Villa sacked Big Ron, and Tottenham Hotspur sacked Little Ossie. Villa played under a caretaker manager, Jim Barron. Big Jim was the boss on Saturday, it is anticipated for *his* first and last match. The announcement of Brian Little (Little Brian?) as his successor is expected almost hourly.

Gerry Francis, Medium-Size Gerry, became the new Tottenham manager a couple of days ago, and first met his star players on Friday as they returned from international duties: a manager in name only. In a convoluted situation like this, two teams without managers produced between them a rare footballing classic. Nor is this anything to do with coincidence.

The manager's ultimate ambition is to control the match from the bench: to have his players reading the sheet music he has penned. But football's heart and soul is a series of improvisations based, if you like, on the rhythm of the pulse. Football is pure jazz.

The complete lack of managerial control gave us a mad, anarchic game lit with compelling solos. We had an afternoon of park football: park football played with the considerable skills of Premiership players. The 4-3 scoreline was pure park. More so was the way the game soared and plummeted on an emotional switchback that neither of the non-managers could do anything about.

Ardiles was sacked because Tottenham kept conceding goals. Francis, aware that his first responsibility was to shore up the defence, discarded such Ossian exotica as diamond formations and gave us a flat back four of uncompromising Englishness. Within half an hour they had conceded three goals, each one firmly in the "do-I-not-like-that" category. Tottenham have a quite extraordinary knack of scrambling the syntax of defence.

Atkinson — Big Dalian, not Big Ron — had the first after eight minutes, a net-busting header from Barrett's cross. Hard to know how you could fail to notice someone who looks as large and as menacing as Atkinson, but Tottenham managed it.

With that, Tottenham's fragile self-belief fell away, while Villa's fragile self-belief grew and grew. Parker's cross gave Fenton time to control the ball and stroke it home for the second ten minutes later.

It seemed that Francis had already achieved the impossible and made the Tottenham defence worse. Fenton also had the third: Atkinson failed to control an incisive ball from Saunders but Fenton, swooping in behind, once again had time and space to make the strike.



Francis: troubles ahead

The match turned on a penalty-area dive by Klinsmann. He had been getting increasingly furious with his colleagues, shouting them back into position after every goal, demanding industry and fight. He gave a fair bit of both himself and took the fight, at least verbally, to the referee after Bosnich, the Villa goalkeeper, had upended him in the penalty area.

The referee had a clear moral dilemma: either Bosnich had fouled Klinsmann, in which case Bosnich had to go, or Klinsmann was diving, in which case he had to be booked. The referee did absolutely nothing. Klinsmann, who seemed to have a genuine case, suffered the fate of the boy who cried wolf. He was booked, for yelling, not diving, and continued his protests a full minute later.

But Klinsmann's fury created a Tottenham mood-swing, and as they suddenly found themselves in control, Villa suddenly discovered just how fragile their self-confidence is. They looked worried and insecure: quite an achievement for a team that has established a three-goal lead.

And so that lead was whittled away. Sheringham had the first a little before half-time, touching in Anderton's cross. Klinsmann had the ball in his hands and was racing back to the centre circle almost before Sheringham had thrown his arms in the air in self-delight.

In the second half, Tottenham continued in the same state of mad hustle. They pulled one back from a penalty, King holding Sheringham, and Klinsmann placing the ball to perfection. Tottenham continued to play on a high of invention and enthusiasm, firing in crosses with scatter-gun randomness, bearing with patience a pedantic linesman.

The equaliser came, of course, from Klinsmann. Popescu's shot was well saved by Bosnich, Barmby's follow-up was blocked, but Klinsmann's short-range blast was everything a bewildered manager could wish for. Francis must have spent most of the match thinking, like the England cricket captain of legend: "My God, look what they've sent me."

Klinsmann then made his mistake: a spectacular celebration dive, one that conveyed the message that the match was over, that a point had been saved. For, of course, it was not. Tottenham mood-swung into self-congratulation over the last 15 minutes, Villa pendulumed back to self-confidence and launched a series of raids.

The match ended with Saunders playing the last solo of the set, a wonderous spiral of unexpected notes. He came roaring through on the right and breezed past Mabbutt, but his impetus took him a little too close to the byline for real danger. So he shot anyway: a blinding, rising shot. We will not see a better goal this season.

"Football can be cruel," Francis said. He wants his team to defend as a team. He will be handing out the sheet music today.

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR (4-4-2): I Walker — D Kerslake (sub: S Nethercott, 45mn), G Mabbutt, C Calderwood, S Campbell — D Anderton, G Popescu, D Howells, D Caskey (sub: N Barmby, 46) — J Klinsmann, E Sheringham
ASTON VILLA (4-4-2): M Bosnich — E Barrett, P McGrath, P King, U Ehiogu — R Houghton, G Fenton, K Richardson, G Parker — D Atkinson (sub: N Lamptey, 52), D Saunders.
Referee: P Durkin.

Wilkins quick to put board games in fresh perspective

Queens Park Rangers .. 3
Leeds United 2

BY ALYSON RUDD

GIVEN that, at one point, Ray Wilkins was a candidate for the England manager's job, the restrictions that looked certain to hamper any new manager of Queens Park Rangers must have made him think twice about returning to the club as player-manager.

Wilkins gave the west London team five seasons of steady and often inspired performances, yet his return, after a brief spell at Crystal Palace, was greeted not by open arms but by arms held aloft in anger.

The Rangers supporters had planned to stage a demonstration on the pitch on Saturday. It was not that they objected to Wilkins, but that they believed their club is being run in a kamikaze fashion by Richard Thompson, the owner, and the rest of the board. These supporters know they are lucky to watch players of the stature of Les Ferdinand and Trevor Sinclair and concluded that they remained at Loftus Road because of the respect held by them for Gerry Francis.

Francis left in a murky haze of misunderstanding and alleged back stabbing. The players did not like the manner of his departure. The supporters feared the worst.

But Wilkins, rewarding those who already see a place for him in the managerial hall of fame, just strolled in, his pockets full of diplomatic stardust, and settled everything. The board, he said sincerely, were extremely supportive. The players, he said credibly, would be staying.

There are those who feel Ferdinand, who had been linked again with a move to Arsenal, acted petulantly in recent weeks. Lest Wilkins be made to appear as one who panders to egos, he stressed that it was not just a matter of convincing Ferdinand to stay under any circumstances. "If he performs like that," the new manager said after the game on Saturday, "I am perfectly happy to have him here."

Add all that ambassadorial acumen to Rangers' elegant defeat of Leeds United and it is not difficult to understand why the pitch invasion never happened. However, Wilkins did not want to take credit for the victory. "Football is about the players — it's them who have got the results today."

A rookie's modesty, surely? But then Howard Wilkinson, the Leeds manager, illustrated perfectly how peripheral the role of the manager can be. He had known that, with a new manager, there would be an intense atmosphere at the claustrophobic Loftus Road ground. "Anyone who's been in the game longer than two weeks knows it's going to be like a cup-tie," Wilkinson said.

But his team opted, all the same, for a languid approach. They passed the ball around nicely enough but allowed Rangers to dictate the tempo and were punished as Kevin Gallen twice created openings for Ferdinand to give Rangers a 2-0 lead at half-time.

Wilkinson disapproved of his team's inappropriate attitude. Indeed, at half-time he was "as violent verbally as I've ever got". This helped, but not a lot. Alan McDonald clumsily beat his own goalkeeper trying to cut out Deane's cross but, 12 minutes later, Gallen, turning a potentially simple finish into a complicated one, made it 3-1.

Deane gave Leeds faint hope of a point when he headed in Speed's cross in the 74th minute but Rangers deserved their win and Gallen was unlucky not to score at least once more.



Wilkins: diplomatic

Leeds are too inconsistent to threaten for the title. What they need, according to much publicised transfer negotiations, is a forward. But on Saturday, Deane was one of the visitors' better players and few would dispute the growing stature of Noel Whelan. Their weakness is in midfield. McAllister is good but not so good he can carry the burden of distribution, tackling and pressing the opposition on his own.

Rangers, on the other hand, have few weaknesses. Wilkins is always available to take the field if necessary, which is where, it seems, he still wants to be judged.

QUEENS PARK RANGERS (4-4-2): S Dykstra — S Yates, A McDonald, K Ready, C Wilson — A Impey, S Barker, S Hodge (sub: I Holloway, 81min), T Sinclair — K Gallen, L Ferdinand.
LEEDS UNITED (4-1-2-3): J Lukic — G Kelly, D Wetherall, C Palmer, N Worthington — L Radebe (sub: D White, mn) — G McAllister, G Speed — R Wallace, N Whelan, S Deane.
Referee: M Bodenham.

Leicester intent on keeping Little

Leicester City 0
Manchester City 1

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

BRIAN Little, whether or not he stays at Leicester City in the foreseeable future, could hold his head high at Filbert Street yesterday. Leicester remained second from bottom in the FA Carling Premiership after a stirring display that lacked only goals. If it really was Little's final match in charge, and Aston Villa eventually get their man, he will leave with positive memories.

Little, in three and a half years, has made Leicester as fashionable as conceivably possible. Membership of the Premiership, via the Endsleigh Insurance League first division play-offs last season, saw the culmination of his efforts; survival in it has proved another, altogether more complex, matter.

Whether he stays to fight the good relegation fight is clouded in confusion, after a weekend of conflicting reports in the Midlands. On Friday, Little was going to talk to Villa; on Saturday nothing happened, at least publicly; yesterday, Leicester reaffirmed their wish to keep him.

"As it stands at the moment, Villa will not get permission to speak to Brian," Martin George, the Leicester chairman, said. "He is running the team and I expect that to continue. I think it's terrible that the big clubs can get rid of their manager and then run around trying to cherry-pick another. Maybe they need to be taught a lesson."

Little, 40, was unable to provide any clarification. Asked if it was his last game for Leicester, he replied cryptically: "I would hope not — but tomorrow's another day."

Little's possible departure loomed large over the club yesterday, though the Leicester players strove hard to clear their minds of such unnerving talk. They managed it for long spells, with Manchester City often pegged back in their own area.

The finishing, though, was ragged. Ormondroyd, playing his first game of the season, squandered a clear opening after only 13 seconds. Manchester City, who conceded five goals in their last match, against Manchester United, responded positively and took the lead in the seventeenth minute.

Beagrie's powerful shot was blocked by Whitlow, and Quinn, though lying on the ground, reacted quickest by hooking the ball into the empty net. Poole, the goalkeeper, was poorly placed after having darted across his goalline in anticipation of Beagrie's initial effort.

Lomas should have extended the advantage but shot wide after Quinn's delightful pass, before Leicester rallied to the cause. Carr drew a smart save from Dibble. Ormondroyd nodded wide when it appeared easier to score and Draper was also wayward with a header, from Whitlow's inviting cross.

Draper constructed most of Leicester's promising moves, the shaven-headed midfielder using patience and aggression in equal measure. In the 58th minute, Dibble had to dive at the feet of Lowe to prevent a probable equaliser. Walsh nodded over soon afterwards, as Leicester's intent became more forceful, and Dibble then produced a marvellous one-handed stop to keep out another header by Walsh.

City, rocking but not quite reeling, still managed to make one raid forward, with Poole leaping high to tip over a wicked free kick from Beagrie. It was only a temporary respite, though, and Leicester swiftly regained their momentum, with Smith looping a header against the crossbar.

Three minutes from time Smith became the fifth Leicester player to be sent off this season when he collected his second yellow card of the game for a foul on Rösler. It was a shabby finale for Leicester after an energetic and enthusiastic display. Little, going or staying, should have been proud.

LEICESTER CITY (4-4-2): K Poole — S Grayson, J Willis, R Smith, M Whitlow — F Carr, M Draper, S Thompson, I Ormondroyd (sub: D Oldfield, 68min) — D Lowe (sub: I Roberts, 68), S Walsh.
MANCHESTER CITY (4-4-2): A Dibble — A Hill, K Curle, I Brightwell, D Brightwell — N Summerbee, S Lomas, G Fitzroll, P Beagrie — P Walsh, N Quinn (sub: U Rösler, 80).
Referee: K Morton.

LEAGUE AT A GLANCE

		Played	Points	Goal diff	Recent form
1	[illegible]	15	34	+21	WWWWW
2	Blackburn	15	33	+18	LWWWW
3	[illegible]	15	33	[illegible]	[illegible]
4	[illegible]	14	29	[illegible]	[illegible]
5	Nottm Forest	15	28	[illegible]	[illegible]
6	Leeds	15	27	[illegible]	WWLWL
7	[illegible]	14	23	+6	WDDLW
8	[illegible]	15	22	0	WLDLW
9	[illegible]	15	21	0	WLDDL
10	[illegible]	15	20	-3	LLDDW
11	[illegible]	14	19	-3	WWDDL
12	[illegible]	15	18	-3	WWWWL
13	[illegible]	15	15	-8	LWLDW
14	[illegible]	15	15	-9	LWLWW
15	[illegible]	15	14	-6	DLWLL
16	Sheffield Wed	15	13	-6	LDLDW
17	West Ham	15	13	-7	WLLWL
18	[illegible]	15	16	-4	LWWLW
19	Aston Villa	15	13	-8	LLLLW
20	Ipswich	15	10	-16	LLWLL
21	Leicester	14	9	-12	WLLLL
22	Everton	15	8	-15	LLDWD

CARLING PREMIERSHIP

Weekly change: Up — Stayed the same — Down

* Tottenham to be deducted six points at end of season

Hendrie ends Stowell's resistance

Middlesbrough 1
Wolverhampton W 0

BY PETER BALL

MIDDLESBROUGH came out on top in the meeting of the Endsleigh Insurance League's leading teams at Ayresome Park yesterday. A goal from John Hendrie was poor reward for a vibrant performance, but it was enough to take them ahead of Wolverhampton Wanderers, two points clear at the top of the first division. On this evidence, they are worthy leaders.

"On that performance, Middlesbrough are a more powerful side than Wolves, and I mean powerful in the best sense," Graham Taylor, the Wolverhampton manager, said. "They were strong and purposeful and we couldn't get them off our backs for 90 minutes."

The only criticism that could be levelled at Middlesbrough was their failure to turn their almost complete domination into a more comprehensive victory. Wolverhampton defended as resolutely as more famous past wearers of the old gold and black would have done, with Stowell performing countless heroics in goal and Venus a rock in front of him, but Middlesbrough were in complete control.

As it was, it needed a deflection to bring the breakthrough, Hendrie's shot just after the hour glancing off Thomas to wrong-foot Stowell, but Wolverhampton could hardly complain. A four or five-goal margin would not have flattered the home side.

"I said that you make your own luck and I think we deserved the break when we got it," Bryan Robson, the Middlesbrough player-manager, said. "It would have been an injustice if we hadn't won after all that effort. It was our best performance of the season in terms of consistency because for 90 minutes we dominated the game, and that is hard to do."

Victory was important for Middlesbrough, who had won only two of their previous ten games with Robson missing. His luck with injuries has not changed along with his status, but his influence on his team was visible yesterday, Middlesbrough playing with the eager, positive aggression that characterised Robson the player.

They dominated midfield, where Thomas and Emblen struggled to contain the bouncy Pollock, Thomas's frustration finally getting the better of him and earning him a booking. Moore, the Ireland under-21 international, and Hignett nibbled away at the flanks, keeping the Wolverhampton defence under constant pressure. Somehow, they held out for an hour.

STEWART RENDALL



Hendrie, left, and Venus at full stretch yesterday

The traffic was one-way from the start as Hendrie's shot flew out off the post to begin the siege. From then on, it was Stowell and his defenders against the Middlesbrough attack. Wilkinson, Hignett and Hendrie saw shots saved, and Moore and Wilkinson put headers over the bar. All this time, Wolverhampton hardly had a thing to say for themselves, but a long run by Kelly briefly raised their hopes, and from his pass inside, Ferguson's dipping drive clipped the bar from 25 yards.

That was almost the last that was seen of Wolverhampton as an attacking force until the closing minutes. Somehow they hung on until the interval, Hignett seeing a shot saved at the near post and Venus just scraping a cross away from Wilkinson as the forward waited with the goal at his mercy.

It could not go on indefinitely, and finally the breakthrough came. Mustoe and Wilkinson opened the way for Hendrie, and his shot deflected in off Thomas.

"We defended very, very well at times, but when you have to defend as much as that, sooner or later you are going to give away a goal like that," Taylor said.

MIDDLESBROUGH (4-4-2): A Miller — N Cox, S Vickers, D Whyte, C Morris — C Hignett, J Pollock, R Mustoe, A Moore — J Hendrie, P Wilkinson (sub: C Blackmore, 83min).
WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS (4-4-2): M Stowell — M Rankine, P Blades, M Venus, A Thompson — S Froggatt, N Emblen, G Thomas, D Ferguson (sub: P Birch, 78) — P Stewart, D Kelly.
Referee: A Flood.

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FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP

COVENTRY (0) 1 **NORWICH** (0) 0
Jones 52 11,885
COVENTRY CITY: S Ogrizovic, B Borrows, S Morgan, D Busst, S Pressley, J Darby, P Cook, C Jones, D Dublin, S Flynn, F Ndlovu.
Booked: Borrows, Darby.
NORWICH CITY: B Gunn, M Bowen, J Polston, S Prior, J Newsome, D Eadie, I Crook, M Milligan, N Adams (sub: D Sutch 66min), R Newman, M Robins (sub: J Goss, 66).
Booked: Crook, Milligan, Newman.
Referee: G Willard (Worthing).

IPSWICH (1) 1 **BLACKBURN** (2) 3
Thomsen 28 Sutton 8 Sherwood 41
17,329 Shearer 70
IPSWICH TOWN: C Forrest, F Yallop, A Linighan, E Youds, P Whelan (sub: S Milton, 73), P Mason, G Williams, S Sedgley, C Thomsen, A Paz, I Marshall.
Booked: *Linighan, Youds.*
BLACKBURN ROVERS: T Flowers, A Gale, T Sherwood, P Warhurst, G Le Saux, S Ripley, A Shearer, S Slater, C Sutton, C Atkins, I Pearce.
Booked: *Slater, Pearce.*
Referee: K Burge (Tonypandy).

MANCHESTER UTD (2) 3 **CRYSTAL PALACE** (0) 0
Irwin 3 Cantona 34 43,788
Kanchelskis 50
MANCHESTER UNITED: P Schmeichel (sub: K Pilkington, 8), G Neville, D Irwin, D May, S Davies (sub: P Scholes, 71), G Pallister, *E Cantona, P Ince, B McClair, M Hughes,* A Kanchelskis (sub: K Gillespie, 52).
CRYSTAL PALACE: N Martyn, J Humphrey, D Gordon, G Southgate, R Shaw, C Coleman, D Patterson (sub: R Bowry 69), *R Newman, C Armstrong, A Preece,* J Salako.
Booked: Southgate, Patterson.
Referee: B Hill (Market Harborough).

NOTTM F (0) 0 **CHELSEA** (1) 1
22,092 Spencer 28
NOTTINGHAM FOREST: M Crossley, D Lyttle, S Pearce, S Cooper, S Chettle, D Phillips, S Stone, L Bohinen (sub: J Lee, 95), I Woan, S Collymore, B Roy.
Booked: Cooper.
CHELSEA: D Kharine, N Spackman, S Minto, J Kjeldbjerg, E Johnsen, D Rocastle, J Spencer (sub: C Burley, 77), E Newton, A Barness, G Peacock (sub: N Shipperley, 87), D Wise.
Referee: T Holbrook (Walsall).

QPR (2) 3 **LEEDS UNITED** (0) 2
Ferdinand 30, 39 Gallen 67 McDonald 55 (og) Deane 72
17,416
QUEENS PARK RANGERS: S Dykstra, K Ready, C Wilson, S Yates, *A McDonald, S Hodge (sub: I Holloway, 80),* S Barker, A Impey, L Ferdinand, K Gallen, T Sinclair.
Booked: Hodge.
LEEDS UNITED: J Lukic, G Kelly, N Worthington, C Palmer, *D Wetherall, G McAllister, G Speed, L Radebe (sub: C Whelan, 45),* B Deane, N Whelan, R Wallace.
Booked: Speed, Wallace.
Referee: M J Bodenham (Cornwall).

SHEFFIELD WED (1) 1 **WEST HAM** (0) 0
Petrescu 28 25,300
SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY: K Pressman, P Atherton, I Nolan, D Petrescu (sub: I Taylor, 60), M Bright, J Sheridan, A Pearce, C Bart-Williams (sub: G Watson, 66), A Sinton, G Hyde, D Walker.
Booked: Atherton, Sinton.
WEST HAM UNITED: L Miklosko, K Brown, A Martin, S Potts, J Dicks, I Bishop, M Rush, A Cottee, J Moncur, M Allen (sub: M Marsh, 37), T Morley.
Referee: G Ashby (Worcester).

SOUTHAMPTON (0) 1 **ARSENAL** (0) 0
Magilton 60 15,201
SOUTHAMPTON: B Grobbelaar, J Kenna, T Widdrington, J Magilton, R Hall, F Benali, M Le Tissier, R Ekelund, I Dowie, N Maddison, N Heaney.
Booked: Magilton.
ARSENAL: D Seaman, M Keown, N Winterburn, I Selley, S Bould, A Adams, S Schwarz, P Dickov, L Dixon, E McGoldrick (sub: J Carter, 70), K Campbell.
Booked: Schwarz.
Referee: L Dilkes (Mossley).

TOTTENHAM (1) 3 **ASTON VILLA** (3) 4
Sheringham 40 Atkinson 8 Fenton 21, 27
Klinsmann 53 (pen), 74 Saunders 90
26,899
TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR: I Walker, G Popescu, C Calderwood, G Mabbutt, D Anderton, E Sheringham, D Howells, D Caskey (sub: N Barmby, 46), D Kerslake (sub: S Nethercott, 45), S Campbell, *J Klinsmann.*
Booked: Popescu, Klinsmann.
ASTON VILLA: M Bosnich, E Barrett, P McGrath, K Richardson, R Houghton, D Saunders, D Atkinson (sub: N Lamptey, 53), *G Parker, P King, U Ehiogu, G Fenton.*
Booked: Fenton, Lamptey.
Referee: P Durkin (Portland).

WIMBLEDON (3) 3 **NEWCASTLE** (2) 2
Clarke 2 Ekoku 27 Beardsley 30 Kitson 32
Harford 36 14,203
WIMBLEDON: H Segers, W Barton (sub: S Fitzgerald, 89), K Cunningham, V Jones, A Reeves, A Clarke, E Ekoku, J Goodman (sub: M Harford, 16), A Thorn, O Leonhardsen, G Elkins.
Booked: Cunningham, Jones, Segers, Reeves, Harford, Ekoku, Elkins.
Sent off: Jones.
NEWCASTLE UNITED: P Srnicek, B Venison, J Beresford, R Fox, S Howey, R Lee, P Beardsley, M Hottiger, D Peacock (sub: *L Clark, 90), P Albert, P Kitson (sub: S Watson, 59).*
Booked: Peacock.
Referee: P Don (Hanworth Park).

Yesterday

LEICESTER CITY (0) 0 **MANCHESTER CITY** (1) 1
19,006 Quinn 16
LEICESTER CITY: K Poole, S Grayson, M Whitlow, J Willis, R Smith, F Carr, M Draper, S Thompson, I Ormondroyd (sub: D Oldfield, 68), S Walsh, D Lowe (sub: I Roberts, 68).
Sent off: Smith.
MANCHESTER CITY: A Dibble, A Hill, D Brightwell, I Brightwell, N Summerbee, K Curle, S Lomas, P Walsh, N Quinn (sub: U Rosler, 80), G Flitcroft, P Beagrie.
Booked: Hill, I Brightwell, Rosler.
Referee: K Morton (Bury St Edmunds).

TODAY

EVERTON V LIVERPOOL

Joe Royle gave few clues yesterday to the first side he will select since being appointed manager of Everton in succession to Mike Walker. Everton, bottom of the Premiership with only one win this season, will be without the full back, Burrows, who is suspended, and Angell, recovering from a broken leg, for the Merseyside derby. *One problem facing Royle is finding* the best role for Daniel Amokachi, the Nigerian striker, who is keen to play a deeper role behind the attacking players. Roy Evans, the Liverpool *manager, has injury doubts over Bjornebye,* Ruddock, McManaman and Babb, but Molby and Scales could both return.



Klinsmann: deadly finisher

GOALSCORERS

	Lge	Cup	Euro	Total
Fowler (Liverpool)	14	2	0	16
Wright (Arsenal)	9	2	5	16
Sutton (Blackburn)	12	2	1	15
Klinsmann (Tottenham)	10	4	0	14
Cole (Newcastle)	8	2	4	14
Shearer (Blackburn)	10	2	1	13
Le Tissier (Southampton)	7	5	0	12
Kanchelskis (Man Utd)	10	0	1	11
Walsh (Man City)	10	1	0	11
Lee (Newcastle)	7	0	4	11
Dublin (Coventry)	8	2	0	10

GOALSCORING

WITH 29 goals on the resumption of the FA Carling Premiership over the weekend, a check of the scoring records is revealing. Manchester United have climbed the table with 16 goals in their last five games. The early leaders, Newcastle United, have managed six in the same number of matches while Nottingham Forest have been scoreless in the past four. At the foot of the table, Everton and West Ham United *have still to make* double figures. There are no clear dead-ball specialists: however, Norwich City have relied on five *set-play strikes from their total of 13 while Manchester* City are the most dangerous side in the air, scoring nine of 25 from headers. West Ham and Norwich have failed to score in eight of their matches.

	P	Goals For	Avge	No gls	Pen	Dead ball	Open play	OG	Hdr
Newcastle	15	33	2.20	2	1	2	30	2	0
Liverpool	14	32	2.29	2	1	5	26	0	4
Blackburn	15	31	2.07	1	4	5	22	1	3
Man Utd	15	31	2.07	1	2	3	28	0	6
Chelsea	14	25	1.79	0	1	3	21	1	4
Nottm For	15	25	1.67	4	2	6	18	1	1
Man City	15	25	1.67	5	0	4	21	0	9
Tottenham	14	24	1.71	2	2	1	21	0	4
Soton	15	23	1.53	2	3	2	18	0	4
Leeds	15	23	1.53	2	0	4	19	2	7
QPR	15	23	1.53	2	0	4	19	1	4
Aston Villa	15	19	1.27	4	0	5	14	0	6
Coventry	15	18	1.20	3	3	2	13	1	4
Arsenal	14	17	1.21	6	0	5	12	0	4
Wimbledn	15	17	1.13	4	1	2	14	1	5
Sheff Wed	15	16	1.07	3	0	1	15	1	3
C Palace	15	15	1.00	6	0	3	12	0	6
Leicester	14	14	1.00	6	0	1	13	0	0
Ipswich	15	14	0.93	5	1	1	12	1	1
Norwich	15	13	0.87	8	0	5	8	1	2
Everton	14	9	0.64	7	0	4	5	0	3
West Ham	15	9	0.60	8	2	1	6	0	2
Totals	182	465	1.41	82	23	67	365	13	62

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP

		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
			HOME					AWAY						
1	Man Utd	15	8	0	0	20	0	3	1	3	11	10	34	+21
2	Blackburn	15	6	0	1	20	7	4	3	1	11	6	33	+18
3	Newcastle	15	5	2	0	19	7	5	1	2	14	8	33	+17
4	Liverpool	14	6	1	0	17	4	3	1	3	15	10	29	+18
5	Nottm F	15	4	2	2	12	8	4	2	1	13	7	28	+10
6	Leeds	15	5	1	1	13	7	2	2	4	10	12	24	+4
7	Chelsea	14	4	1	2	15	6	3	1	3	10	13	23	+6
8	Man City	15	4	3	0	21	9	2	1	5	4	18	22	0
9	Norwich	15	4	3	0	9	4	1	3	4	4	9	21	0
10	Southmptn	15	3	3	2	10	9	2	2	3	13	17	20	-3
11	Arsenal	14	3	2	2	11	7	2	2	3	6	7	19	+3
12	C Palace	15	2	1	4	6	10	3	3	2	9	8	19	-3
13	Coventry	15	4	1	3	9	10	1	3	3	9	16	19	-8
14	Wimbledon	15	4	1	3	13	13	1	2	4	4	13	18	-9
15	*Tottenhm	14	2	1	4	11	14	3	1	3	18	16	17	-6
16	Sheff Wed	15	2	4	2	8	8	2	1	4	8	14	17	-6
17	West Ham	15	4	1	2	6	5	1	1	6	3	11	17	-7
18	QPR	15	4	1	3	14	12	0	3	4	9	15	16	-4
19	Aston Villa	15	1	3	3	6	9	2	1	5	13	18	13	-8
20	Ipswich	15	2	0	6	10	16	1	1	5	4	14	10	-16
21	Leicester	14	2	2	3	11	12	0	1	6	3	14	9	-12
22	Everton	14	1	4	2	8	10	0	1	6	1	14	8	-15

** Tottenham will be deducted 6 points at the end of the season*

Endsleigh Insurance League

FIRST DIVISION

BOLTON (1) 2 **NOTTS COUNTY** (0) 0
De Freitas 30 Paatelainen 87 11,698

DERBY (1) 2 **PORT VALE** (0) 0
Johnson 24, 72 13,357

LUTON (1) 2 **PORTSMOUTH** (0) 0
Dixon 2 Preece 55 8,214

MILLWALL (0) 0 **BARNSLEY** (1) 1
7,040 Liddell 30

SOUTHEND (1) 4 **READING** (1) 1
Bressington 6 (pen) Quinn 14
Jones 54, 63 Thomson 90 5,511

STOKE (2) 3 **GRIMSBY** (0) 0
Peschisolido 23 44 12,055
Carruthers 60

SUNDERLAND (0) 1 **WATFORD** (2) 3
Smith 57 Hessenthaler 1 Nogan 36
15,063 Mooney 71 (pen)

TRANMERE (0) 1 **CHARLTON** (1) 1
Malkin 69 Nelson 45
7,567

WEST BROM (2) 3 **OLDHAM** (0) 1
Donovan 18 Ashcroft 30 Halle 50 (pen)
Taylor 85 14,616

Yesterday

BRISTOL CITY (0) 3 **SWINDON** (0) 2
Bent 54 Allison 56, 61 Scott 58, 89
9,086

BURNLEY (1) 4 **SHEFFIELD UTD** (1) 2
Robinson 24 Hoyland 54 *Winstanley 44 (og)* Scott 82
Gayle 71 Davis 78 11,475

MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 1 **WOLVERHAMPTON** (0) 0
Hendrie 67 19,953

SECOND DIVISION

BIRMINGHAM (0) 0 **BOURNEMOUTH** (0) 0
15,477

BRADFORD (0) 0 **CREWE** (2) 2
5,520 Ward 2 Adebola 27

BRIGHTON (1) 1 **PETERBOROUGH** (2) 2
Codner 38 Charlery 20 Ebdon 33
6,445

CAMBRIDGE UTD (1) 3 **SHREWSBURY** (1) 1
Butler 10, 90 Lillis 55 Stevens 38
2,749

CHESTER (1) 2 **BLACKPOOL** (0) 0
Milner 4 Page 90 3,114

HUDDERSFIELD (0) 1 **BRENTFORD** (0) 0
Jepson 50 10,889

HULL (0) 0 **BRISTOL ROVERS** (1) 2
4,450 Stewart 37, 84

LEYTON ORIENT (0) 0 **YORK** (0) 1
3,532 *Barnes 88*

OXFORD UTD (2) 2 **ROTHERHAM** (1) 1
Moody 29, 38 Helliwell 3
5,807

PLYMOUTH (2) 4 **WREXHAM** (1) 1
Hughes 6 (og) Burnett 39 Durkan 21
Phillips 75 (og) Barlow 89 6,936

SWANSEA (0) 2 **STOCKPORT** (0) 0
Ampadu 70 Cornforth 89 3,019

WYCOMBE (1) 3 ***CARDIFF*** (0) 1
Ryan 24, 77 Hemmings 76 Stant 84
5,391

THIRD DIVISION

BARNET (1) 1 **BURY** (0) 1
McMahon 10 Mulligan 83
3,006

DONCASTER (1) 3 **HARTLEPOOL** (0) 0
Brabin 45 Harper 49 2,507
Meara 77

FULHAM (1) 1 **LINCOLN** (0) 1
Adams 10 Bannister 59 (pen)
3,355

GILLINGHAM (0) 1 **CHESTERFIELD** (1) 1
Pennell 65 Davies 45
2,722

HEREFORD (0) 0 **CARLISLE** (1) 1
2,531 Conway 41

PRESTON (1) 2 ***NORTHAMPTON*** (0) 0
Moyes 56 Raynor 72 7,297

ROCHDALE (0) 0 **COLCHESTER** (0) 0
1,903

SCARBOROUGH (1) 1 **TORQUAY** (0) 1
Swales 42 Buckle 60
1,341

SCUNTHORPE (1) 3 **MANSFIELD** (0) 4
Bullimore 38 Nicholson 77 Holland 63 Hadley 66
Juryeff 90 Noteman 74 Peters 77
2,975

WALSALL (1) 1 **EXETER** (0) 0
O'Connor 45 3,629

WIGAN (2) 4 **DARLINGTON** (1) 1
Strong 22 Worboys 39
Lyons 35, 77, 85 (pen) 1,785

SENDINGS OFF

Second division: Morrison (Peterborough) 53; Charlery (Peterborough) 64. **Third division:** *Kelly (Bury) 46, Stannard (Fulham) 58;* Foley (Lincoln) 70; Appleby (Darlington) 64; Gregan (Darlington) 66.

GOALSCORERS

First division: **19: Aldridge (Tranmere). 15: Fjortoft (Swindon). 12: Whyte (Charlton). 11: McGinlay (Bolton). 10: Goodman (Millwall). Kelly (Wolverhampton). 9: McCarthy (Oldham).** *Gray (Sunderland), Malkin (Tranmere), Nogan* (Watford). Peschisolido (Stoke). Hendrie (Middlesbrough).

Second division: 19: Moody (Oxford Utd). 15: *Booth (Huddersfield), Bennett (Wrexham).* 13: Jewell (Bradford), Stant (Cardiff), Goater (Rotherham). 12: Francis (Stockport), Nogan (Brighton). Ward (Crewe)

Third division: 15: Reeves (Carlisle). Freedman (Barnet). 12: Carter (Bury) 9: Lightbourne (Walsall). Jones (Doncaster), White (Hereford), Cooper (Barnet). 8: Wilkinson *(Mansfield).*

Scottish premier division: 13: Coyne (Motherwell). Hateley (Rangers). 9: Booth (Aberdeen). 8: O'Neill (Hibernian). 7: Dodds (Aberdeen), Robertson (Hearts)

First division: 16: Petrie (Dunfermline), O'Boyle (St Johnstone) 15: Britton (Dundee). 10: Dalziel *(Raith). Duffield (Hamilton), Smith (Airdrie)*

Second division: 10: Hawke (Berwick). 9: Scott (East Fife). Lilley (Greenock Morton). 8: Irvine (Berwick). Alexander (Greenock Morton).

Third division: 19: Yardley (Cowdenbeath). 13: Kennedy (Montrose). 8: McGlashan (Montrose). 7: McAvoy (Alloa)

BELL'S League Championship

PREMIER DIVISION

DUNDEE UTD (4) 5 **HEARTS** (1) 2
Johnson 5 Brewster 15 Thomas 4, 70
McKinlay 19 Dailly 41, 68 7,717

HIBERNIAN (2) 2 **MOTHERWELL** (1) 2
McAllister 31 O'Neill 45 Coyne 8 Davies 55
9,158

KILMARNOCK (0) 0 **CELTIC** (0) 0
12,602

PARTICK (0) 2 **ABERDEEN** (1) 1
Craig 53 Gibson 56 Dodds 24
4,500

RANGERS (1) 1 **FALKIRK** (0) 1
Hateley 7 Henderson 55
44,018

FIRST DIVISION

AIRDRIE (0) 2 **DUNDEE** (0) 1
T Smith 61 A Smith 71 Britton 82
2,051

CLYDEBANK (0) 0 **RAITH** (1) 3
1,090 Dalziel 6 Graham 53
Narey 56

DUNFERMLINE (0) 1 **ST MIRREN** (0) 0
Smith 70 4,660

ST JOHNSTONE (1) 1 **AYR** (0) 0
Davidson 3 2,755

STRANRAER (1) 2 **HAMILTON** (0) 0
Brannigan 44 Millar 63 750

SECOND DIVISION

BERWICK (2) 2 **CLYDE** (0) 1
Hawke 5, 34 Angus 80
611

EAST FIFE (2) 3 **QUEEN OF SOUTH** (1) 1
Hutchison 13, 65 Scott 42 Mallan 18 (pen)
761

MEADOWBANK (0) 0 **DUMBARTON** (0) 0
210

STENHOUSEMUIR (2) 2 **BRECHIN** (0) 0
Steel 4 Christie 32 350

Postponed: Greenock Morton v Stirling.

THIRD DIVISION

ALLOA (0) 1 **ROSS COUNTY** (0) 1
Lawrie 85 *McKay 82*
479

CALEDONIAN T (0) 2 **ALBION** (0) 1
Christie 73, 76 Scott 66 (pen)
1,100

EAST STIRLING (0) 0 **COWDENBEATH** (0) 2
553 Black 56 Wardell 67

MONTROSE (1) 2 **FORFAR** (0) 0
Kennedy 7, 67 (pen) 1,166

QUEEN'S PARK (0) 0 **ARBROATH** (2) 4
457 Murray 6, 44 Scott 60, 72

SENDINGS OFF

Second division: Gibb (East Fife) 18. **Third division:** Arthur (Forfar) 67.

GM CONFERENCE

BATH (1) 2 **STEVENAGE** (1) 1
Dicks 22 Birkby 55 Dillon 43 (pen)
766

DAG AND RED (0) 0 **MACCLESFIELD** (3) 4
882 Wood 5 Midwood 19, 40
Howarth 78

FARNBOROUGH (0) 0 **BROMSGROVE** (1) 3
663 Brain 30 Gray 82 Taylor 90

GATESHEAD (1) 1 **DOVER** (0) 0
Proudlock 45 562

KETTERING (0) 0 **WOKING** (0) 1
2,330 Walker 75

KIDDERMINSTER (2) 2 **ALTRINCHAM** (1) 2
Brindley 22 Yates 25 Morton 4 Terry 66
2,271

MERTHYR (0) 3 **RUNCORN** (0) 0
Hill 78 (og) Jones 89 558
Rogers 90

STAFFORD (1) 5 **STALYBRIDGE** (0) 0
May 40, 71, 77 734
Drewitt 66 (pen) Creep 68

TELFORD (0) 0 **SOUTHPORT** (0) 0
927

WELLING (1) 1 **NORTHWICH** (2) 5
Smith 27 Cook 7 Williams 44, 60, 61
812 Butler 90

YEOVIL (0) 3 **HALIFAX** (0) 1
White 80 Coates 82, 90 Paterson 59
1,801

SENDINGS OFF

Jones (Bath) 43; Pratt (Farnborough); Finley *(Runcorn) 66.*

		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
			HOME					AWAY					
1	*Macclesfield*	18	6	3	1	17	8	5	2	1	17	8	38
2	Woking	19	5	5	1	22	13	6	0	2	11	9	38
3	Gateshead	19	6	2	2	16	6	3	3	3	13	19	32
4	Altrincham	17	3	1	5	13	12	6	2	0	24	9	30
5	*Bromsgrove*	18	4	4	1	19	12	4	1	4	14	13	29
6	Kidderminster	18	5	2	2	18	10	3	3	3	13	14	29
7	Kettering	17	5	2	2	15	5	3	2	3	12	11	23
8	Bath	19	4	1	4	19	13	3	3	4	12	15	25
9	*Southport*	17	5	1	2	21	19	2	2	5	5	14	24
10	Farnborough	16	3	1	3	8	12	4	2	5	12	19	24
11	Halifax	16	4	2	1	17	6	2	3	4	11	17	23
12	Welling	18	5	1	4	19	18	2	1	5	11	19	23
13	Stevenage	17	3	2	4	15	16	3	1	4	10	10	21
14	Merthyr	17	5	1	3	17	13	1	2	5	8	17	21
15	Stalybridge	17	4	1	2	13	11	2	2	6	14	23	21
16	Telford	13	5	3	0	15	5	0	1	4	7	12	19
17	Northwich	15	2	2	2	10	6	2	5	2	15	15	19
18	Runcorn	18	5	3	2	13	13	2	1	7	12	22	19
19	Dag & Red	18	3	1	5	9	14	2	1	6	6	18	17
20	Dover	14	1	5	1	8	8	2	2	3	9	9	16
21	* Yeovil	19	3	1	6	13	15	1	3	5	8	16	15
22	Stafford	18	2	0	7	15	19	2	2	5	10	24	14

** Yeovil deducted 1 point for fielding an ineligible player*

EUROPEAN RESULTS



Gary Lineker, helping Grampus Eight to a 1-0 victory in his last match in Japan. The former England captain, who failed to score, was substituted in the second half.

ITALY: Bari 2 Cremonese 0; Brescia 0 AS Roma 0; Cagliari 1 Genoa 0; Juventus 3 Reggiana 1; Lazio 5 Padova 1; Napoli 2 Fiorentina 5; Parma 2 Foggia 0; Sampdoria 1 Torino 1.

GERMANY: Eintracht Frankfurt 2 Borussia Moenchengladbach 1; SC Karlsruhe 2 Bayern Munich 2; FC Kaiserslautern 1 MSV Duisburg 0; Bayern Uerdingen 1 Werder Bremen 3; Borussia Dortmund 1 SC Freiburg 1; VfB Stuttgart 2 Bochum 2; 1860 Munich 1 Bayern Leverkusen 1; FC Cologne 1 SV Hamburg 1; SC Schalke 4 Dynamo Dresden 0. Positions: 1, Borussia Dortmund, played 14, 32 points; 2, Werder Bremen, 14, 21; 3, Borussia Moenchengladbach, 14, 18.

SPAIN: Valladolid 1 Barcelona 3; Oviedo 2 RC Deportivo de La Coruña 0; Valencia 1 Real Madrid 2; Compostela 0 Athletic de Bilbao 1. Positions: 1, Real Madrid, played 11, 16 points; 2, Barcelona, 11, 16; 3, RC Deportivo de La Coruña, 11, 16.

HOLLAND: Nijmegen 2 Go Ahead Eagles Deventer 1; Utrecht 0 Ajax 0; Groningen 0 Roda JC Kerkrade 2; Twente Enschede 5 *Feyenoord 1; Willem II Tilburg 1 Dordrecht* '90 0; Heerenveen 1 Sparta Rotterdam 0; Volendam 0 PSV Eindhoven 0; MVV Maastricht 2 Vitesse Arnhem 3. Positions: 1, *Roda JC Kerkrade, played 13, 21 points;* 2, Ajax, 11, 20; 3, Twente Enschede, 11, 18; 4, Feyenoord, 12, 17; 5, PSV Eindhoven 12, 17.

FRANCE: Bordeaux 1 Lille 0; Le Havre 1 Caen 1; Lens 1 Auxerre 1; Martigues 1 Rennes 0; Monaco 0 Cannes 0; Montpellier 0 Nice 0; Nantes 0 Bastia 0; Sochaux 4 Metz 2; St Etienne 1 Paris Saint Germain 3. Positions: 1, Nantes, played 18, 38 points; 2, Paris Saint Germain, 18, 34; 3, Cannes, 18, 31.

PORTUGAL: Belenenses 1 Benfica 1. Positions: 1, Sporting Lisbon, played 10, 18 points; 2, FC Porto, 10, 17; 3, Benfica, 10, 14

AUSTRIA: FC Tirol 2 Rapid Vienna 3; Vorwaerts Steyr 0 SV Salzburg 0; Austria Vienna 4 FC Linz 0; Linzer ASK 3 Sturm Graz 0; VfB Moedling 2 Admira Wacker 1.

BELGUIM: Sint-Truiden 0 Anderlecht 2; Charleroi 0 Aalst 0; Standard Liege 2 Lierse 0; Molenbeek 0 Lommel 0; Ghent 4 Cercle *Brugge 0; Mechelen 1 Beveren 1: Antwerp 2* Seraing 2.

ROMANIA: S Bucharest 1 UT Arad 1; D Bucharest 3 Otelul Galati 2; Gloria Bistrita 3 *Ceahlaul Piatra Neamt 1; Arges Pitesti 0 Nat* Bucharest 3, Petrolul Ploiesti 0 Sportul Studentesc 0; Brasov 0 R Bucharest 0; Maramures Baia Mare 2 Electroputere Craiova 0; *Univ Cluj 2 Inter Sibiu 0; Univ* Craiova 4 Farul Constanta 0. Positions: 1, Nat Bucharest, played 13, 28 points; 2, R Bucharest, 13, 26; 3, S Bucharest, 13, 23.

YUGOSLAVIA: Zemun 1 Rad 1; Partizan 0 OFK Beograd 0; Radnicki 3 Napredak 1; Spartak 0 Vojvodina 2; Rudar 1 Red Star 1.

NON-LEAGUE AND REGIONAL LEAGUES

N PREMIER

Premier division: Gainsborough 1 Hyde 1: Guiseley 6 Whitley Bay 3. *Horwich 0* Spennymoor 0, Morecambe 6 Winsford 1. Postponed: Droylsden v Emley.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Marine	21	17	4	0	46	13	55
Morecambe	18	14	2	2	46	18	44
Guiseley	16	11	5	0	39	21	38
B Auckland	18	10	2	6	36	22	32
Barrow	19	9	2	8	37	33	29
Spennymoor	18	8	4	6	31	27	28
Boston Utd	18	7	6	5	31	20	27
Colwyn Bay	18	8	2	8	39	37	26
Buxton	20	7	5	8	27	29	26
Winsford	22	6	7	9	33	37	25
Witton	20	5	10	5	22	27	25
Horwich	20	7	3	10	29	33	24
Knowsley	16	5	7	4	23	23	22
Emley	18	6	4	8	31	37	22
Chorley	18	6	4	8	30	38	22
Gainsboro	17	5	6	6	33	28	21
Hyde	15	4	5	6	22	26	17
A Stanley	17	3	6	8	17	33	15
Frickley	17	3	5	9	20	33	14
Droylsden	18	3	5	10	22	45	14
Whitley Bay	19	2	6	11	23	45	12
Matlock	15	3	0	12	16	30	9

First division: Alfreton 8 Mossley 2. Blyth Spartan 4 Atherton 2. Harrogate 1 Congleton 2. Postponed: Warrington v Curzon, Ashton v Netherfield, Caernarfon v *Bamber B. Fleetwood v Eastwood.* Goole v Lancaster. Cup: Second round: Bishop Auckland 0 Frickley 0. Third round: Accrington Stanley 4 Farsley 2. Chorley 1 *Lancaster 0 Colwyn 1 Knowsley 4 Marine 1* Bamber Bridge 1, Matlock 3 Worksop 2 Warrington 2 Barrow 1 Witton 2 Buxton 3

BEAZER HOMES

Premier division: Chelmsford 2 Leek Town 2: Corby Town 0 Rushden and Diamonds 4: Dorchester 3 Sudbury Town 0, Gloucester 0 Sittingbourne 0, Gravesend and Northfleet 1 Halesowen 1 Gresley Rovers 2 Crawley Town 4, Hastings 3 Cheltenham 1 Hednesford Town 6 Atherstone 1 Solihull 1 Burton 1, Trowbridge 1 VS Rugby 3 Worcester 3 Cambridge City 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Hednesford	16	12	4	0	44	14	40
Worcester	16	9	4	3	21	9	31
Cheltenham	14	9	2	3	37	14	29
Leek	16	8	4	4	22	16	28
Dorchester	13	8	2	3	25	16	26
Gloucester	12	7	3	2	21	8	24
Rushden & D	14	7	3	4	25	23	24
Burton	14	6	4	4	22	20	22
Chelmsford	11	5	4	2	20	10	19
Halesowen	17	4	5	8	34	37	17
Solihull	13	4	5	4	15	21	17
Crawley	16	5	2	9	25	32	17
Hastings	11	4	4	3	14	15	16
Sudbury	15	4	4	7	19	32	16
Trowbridge	14	3	6	5	14	18	15
Gresley R	12	4	2	6	20	22	14
Cambridge C	12	4	2	6	12	18	14
Atherstone	18	3	5	10	17	26	14
Gravesend	12	3	4	5	11	19	13
VS Rugby	15	3	4	8	19	24	13
Sittingbn	16	3	4	9	13	26	13
Corby	16	1	1	13	12	50	4

Midland division: Bashley 2 Ashford 1 Braintree 1 Havant 4 Bumham 1 Weston SM 2: Clevedon 1 Salisbury 1, Erith B 1 Fisher 0; Margate 1 Yate 0, Poole 1 Bury T 0, Tonbridge 0 Weymouth 0, Waterlooville 2 Witney 1 Postponed: Fareham v Baldock, Newport IOW v Wealdstone

Southern division: Armitage 0 Bilston 2 Bedworth 3 Hinckley 1, Bridgnorth 3 Leicester U 2; Buckingham 2 Evesham 0 *Dudley 5 Rothwell 2, King's Lynn 3* Tamworth 1 Warwick 0 Nuneaton 3 3 Redditch 1 Grantham 0, Stourbridge 1 Moor Green 4 S Coldfield 0 Newport AFC 5.

DIADORA LEAGUE

Premier division: Bishop's Stortford 1 *Enfield 1, Chesham 0 Molesey 3: Dulwich 4* Hayes 2 Grays 0 Kingstonian 0, Hendon 1 Purfleet 0: Marlow 1 Carshalton 1, Slough 1 Harrow 1, St Albans 6 Wokingham 2 *Sutton Utd 1 Bromley 2; Walton and Hersham 4* Hitchin 1, Yeading 4 Aylesbury 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Slough	15	8	6	1	28	18	30
Hayes	14	8	5	1	24	12	29
Bromley	17	7	7	3	31	23	28
St Albans	15	7	5	3	42	35	26
Carshalton	18	7	4	7	31	33	25
Enfield	16	6	6	4	35	21	24
Aylesbury	13	7	3	3	26	15	24
Grays	18	5	9	4	23	24	24
Harrow	17	7	2	8	27	29	23
Yeading	14	6	4	4	32	25	22
Chesham	16	6	4	6	31	26	22
Purfleet	15	6	4	5	29	29	22
Sutton	16	5	5	6	24	21	20
Hendon	16	5	4	7	25	27	19
Dulwich	14	5	4	5	28	32	19
Molesey	15	5	3	7	20	24	18
B Stortford	16	4	6	6	22	35	18
Kingstonian	15	4	5	6	23	22	17
Walton & H	12	3	5	4	20	22	14
Hitchin	14	2	6	6	17	26	12
Marlow	17	2	6	9	20	36	12
Wokingham	13	1	1	11	12	36	4

First division: Abingdon 5 Wivenhoe 1, Aldershot 7 Dorking 0 Billericay 1 Newbury *1 Bognor R 5 Basingstoke 2, Boreham W 3* Uxbridge 0: Chertsey 1 Tooting M 3; Heybridge 2 Ruislip 1, Leyton 3 Berkhamsted 0 Maidenhead 5 Barking 2 *Wembley 1 Staines 4, Whyteleafe 1* Worthing 1 Second division: Hampton 1 Thame 3, Ware 0 Bracknell 3, Witham 2 Cheshunt 2 Third division: Bedford 2 *Harefield 2, Harlow 4 Clapton 3, Southall 1* Hornchurch 2

FA VASE

Second round: Heanor 2 Hatfield M 4: S Shields 3 Flixton 2: C Laird 2 Mer 2, Whickham 0 Pickering 0 Brandon 2 Dunkirk 1, Arnold 2 Trafford 1 N Ferriby 0 Thackley 3, Waterloo 1 Hucknall 2, Burscough 2 Brigg 0 Rainworth 0 Poulton 4, Stocksbridge 2 Oakham 1, Glossop 2 Bootle 0 Eastwood 3 Bradford 1. Ossett A 2 Stockton 0 Maine Rd 2 Borrowash 1 Belper 5 Washington 0, Oldham 1 *Wellington 2 G Wakering 1 Raunds 2, Diss 3* Cogenhoe 2, Hoddesdon 0 Arlesey 2: Boston 1 Walthamstow 0 Tower H 2 W Mid Pol 2: Letchworth 0 Hadleigh 3. Stotfold 3 *Warboys 1 St Andrews 3 Willenhall 1* Oadby 5 Wednesfield 4. Collier R 7 Newport P 0 Wisbech 3 Blakenhall 1; Halstead 4 Saffron W 2 E Thurrock 0 Canvey Is 2. *Wroxham 0 Pelsall 1; Royston 0 Basildon 1,* Eynesbury 2 Spalding 0. Newmarket 2 Tring 1, Lowestoft 3 Maldon 1 Gorleston 0 Barton 4, Leighton 0 Wingate F 3, Barwell 2 *Hertford 1, Oldbury 1 Hinckley 2, Wick 2* Chalfont SP 1, Horsham 1 Malden V 1: Cove 2 Hailsham 3 Hillingdon 0 Northwood 1, Stamco 4 Leatherhead 0 Corinthian 4 *Egham 3, Windsor E 2 Shoreham 3, Met Pol* 3 Eton 1. Camberley 0 Banstead 2: Thamesmead 1 Croydon 6; Peacehaven T 3 Deal 0 Selsey 0 Tunbridge 1. Eastleigh 6 *Lymington 3, Milton 1 Oxford C 4, Bridport 1* Falmouth 3 Liskeard 3 Cinderford 1, Petersfield 0 Taunton 7 Bournemouth 4 Torpoint 3 N Leigh 0 Elmore 4, Tiverton 9 *Saltash 0 Westbury 4 Tuffley 1, Wimborne 4* Torrington 2. Barnstaple 3 Hungerford 1. Mangotsfield 3 Paulton 3

OTHER

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Maltby MW 3 Hallam 1 **Cup: Second round:** Armthorpe W 6 Hall Rd 1, Shirebrook W 0 Selby 1; Lincoln U 2 Ashfield 1, Liversedge 5 Brodsworth MW 0; Ossett T 1 Denaby 0

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bideford 2 Crediton 1

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Fakenham 1 Stowmarket 1; Great Yarmouth 0 Felixstowe 0; Harwich P 2 March 1; Histon 0 Haverhill *4; Sudbury 2 Watton 1, Tiptree 4 Soham 0.* Woodbridge 2 Cornard 0.

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Blackpool R 1 Holker 1; Darwen 1 Salford 2: Penrith 4 Chadderton 2, Prescot 2 Nantwich 0. Cup: Second round: Rossendale 0 St Helens 2: Skelmersdale 0 Kidsgrove 1.

FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Bedlington 3 Seaham 3; Chester LS 2 Ferryhill 3, Consett *2 Tow Law 1: Eppleton 0 B Synthonia 4;* Murton 0 Hebburn 1: Northallerton 2 Durham 4: Peterlee 2 Guisborough 4. Prudhoe 0 RTM Newcastle 5, Shildon 1 *Dunston 1, W Auckland 0 Whitby 6*

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Cambridge Utd 1 Fulham 4: Charlton 1 Chelsea 2: Leyton Orient 3 Gillingham 0, Norwich 2 Ipswich 1, QPR 3 Millwall 4; Southend 0 Tottenham 1, Watford 2 Portsmouth 1; West Ham 1 Arsenal 1 Second division: Brentford 3 *Southampton 1: Colchester 0 Bristol Rovers* 0; Swindon 1 Luton 0; Tottenham 3 Wycombe Wanderers 1, Wimbledon 2 Oxford Utd 3. Postponed: Bristol City v Reading

SOUTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Weymouth 1 Cheltenham 1.

SOUTHERN OLYMPIAN LEAGUE: Senior First: Mill Hill Village 1 O Owens 4: Parkfield 1 Nottsborough 1, St Mary's Coll 1 O Grammarians 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Old Owens	7	6	1	0	22	7	13
Nottsborough	8	4	2	2	27	9	10
Witan	4	4	0	0	13	4	8
Southgate	5	2	1	2	6	5	5
O Grammarians	5	2	2	1	9	10	5
Parkfield	6	2	1	3	7	16	5
St Mary's Coll	4	1	2	1	9	7	4
Ulysses	4	1	1	2	4	6	3
Mill Hill	7	1	0	6	10	27	2
Wandsworth	6	0	0	6	5	21	0

Senior Second: Corinthian Casuals 1 UCL Academicals 1: Ealing Assoc 4 O Finchleians 1

OLD BOYS LEAGUE: Premier division: Clapham 1 Wilsonians 1 Senior First *division: Edmontonians 0 Isleworthians 12,* Phoenix 1 Shene 3 Senior Second division: Tollingtonians 4 Southallians 1, J Fisher 1 Vaughanians 3: Minchendenians 5 Westhamians 0; Ignatians R 1 Mill Hill City 3. Senior Third division: Glyn R 2 Hamptonians R 2. Chorleywood 3 Greenfordians 3; Phoenix R 4 Leyton 0

Premier div	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Aloysians	7	6	0	1	22	10	12
Meadonians	5	4	1	0	15	4	9
Clapham OX	7	3	2	2	20	19	8
Ignatians	6	3	1	2	18	11	7
Glyn OB	6	3	1	2	13	9	7
Tenisonians	7	3	1	3	13	13	7
C Manning OB	5	2	1	2	14	11	5
Hamptonians	6	2	1	3	14	19	5
Wilsonians	7	1	1	5	5	16	3
Danes	4	0	2	2	7	12	2
Chertsey OS	6	0	1	5	7	22	1

LONDON OLD BOYS SENIOR CUP: Cardinal Manning 9 Chertsey 4, Enfield 3 Tenisonians 0; Glyn 4 Suttonians 1; Latymer 0 Parmiterians 5; Alpertonians 0 Danes 3; Camdenians 3 Salopians 2, Hamptonians 0 Aloysians 2; Kingsburians 3 Salvatorians 1; Malvernians 0 Ignatians 2; Manorians 6 Wood Green 1; Tiffinians 6 William Fitt 3; Ulringtonians 1 Meadonians 9

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Carthusians 2 Lancing 1; Wellingburians 0 *Reptonians 2* First division: Westminsters 4 Ardinians 0

SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE: First division: Civil Service 1 Winchmore Hill 1; Crouch End Vampires 2 East Barnet OG 2; *South Bank 2 Norsemen 0; West Wickham* 0 O Esthameians 1. Second division: Broomfield 7 O Westminster Citizens 1; Kew Association 3 O Parkonians 0; O *Bromleians 2 Alexandra Park 1.* Third division: Brentham 5 Alleyn OB 1; Ibis 2 Southgate Olympic 2; Reigate Priory 0 O Salesians 6.

WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: First division: Canterbury 3 Crockenhill 1; Folkestone Invicta 4 Beckenham 0; Furness 1 Ramsgate 0; Kent Police 0 Dartford 1, Sheppey 1 Herne Bay 4; Slade Green 0 Darenth Heathside 1; Whitstable 4 Cray Wanderers 0.

UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Crowborough Athletic 0 Pagham 1: Eastbourne 2 Arundel 1; Littlehampton 0 Oakwood 4; Portfield 3 Ringmer 0; Southwick 5 East Grinstead 1. Postponed: Three Bridges v Newhaven.

HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier Cup: Second round replays: Carterton 2 Shortwood *5, Moreton 0 Banbury 1. Premier division:* Cirencester 1 Brackley 2; Fairford 2 Swindon S 2; Highworth 1 Almondsbury 1. First division: Bishops Cleeve 7 Letcombe *2, Cheltenham Sar 0 Rayners Lane 2;* Endsleigh 3 Clanfield 2, Hallen 2 Cirencester 1; Lambourn Sports 1 Headington Amateurs 1; Purton 1 *Kidlington 1; Wallingford 4 Yarnton 1;* Wootton Bassett 3 Easington Sports 1.

NATIONAL

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Aberystwyth 1 Flint 3, Bangor C 7 Maesteg Pk 0; Connah's Quay 0 Cwmbran 1; Ebbw Vale 6 Mold 1, Inter Cardiff 1 Holywell 2; Llanelli 2 Conwy 4, Newtown 2 Barry T 2; Porthmadog 1 Caersws 3, Ton Pentre 1 Rhyl 0 Postponed: Llansantffraid v Afan Lido

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Bangor	14	11	2	1	40	10	35
I Cardiff	13	9	4	0	29	11	31
Cwmbran	14	9	0	5	26	19	27
Newtown	13	7	5	1	30	17	26
Flint Town	13	8	1	4	32	18	25
Ton Pentre	12	7	2	3	25	16	23
Porthmadog	14	7	1	6	27	21	22
Afan Lido	11	6	2	3	18	15	20
Connah's Q	14	6	2	6	20	19	20
Caersws	14	6	1	7	23	29	19
Rhyl	14	6	1	7	27	27	19
Mold	15	6	1	8	31	37	19
Conwy	13	5	3	5	18	18	18
Holywell	12	4	4	4	19	18	16
Ebbw Vale	14	5	1	8	20	22	16
Barry Town	12	4	3	5	20	22	15
Llan'fraid	12	3	2	7	21	26	11
Llanelli	14	1	3	10	18	53	6
Aberystwyth	12	0	4	8	14	29	4
Maesteg Pk	14	0	2	12	4	42	2

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ballyclare 1 Ards 4, Ballymena 2 Distillery 3; Bangor 3 Coleraine 3; Carrick 2 Newry 0; Cliftonville 1 Linfield 2: Glenavon 1 Omagh Town 1; Glentoran 1 Portadown 6; Larne 1 Crusaders 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Crusaders	10	8	2	0	27	11	26
Portadown	10	8	0	2	27	10	24
Linfield	10	6	1	3	23	11	19
Glentoran	10	5	2	3	17	13	17
Glenavon	10	4	3	3	23	18	15
Coleraine	10	3	6	1	21	18	15
Carrick	10	4	3	3	26	25	15
Bangor	10	3	5	2	14	10	14
Distillery	10	4	2	4	18	18	14
Cliftonville	10	4	2	4	11	12	14
Ards	10	3	3	4	16	17	12
Ballymena	10	3	2	5	13	16	11
Omagh Town	10	1	5	4	8	14	8
Larne	10	2	1	7	7	27	7
Newry	10	1	2	7	12	29	5
Ballyclare	10	1	1	8	8	24	4

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Cobh Ramblers 0 Shelbourne 0

POOLS CHECK

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	3	1½	2	[illegible]	1½	1½	1½	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1½

30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58
3	1½	3	3	1½	1½	2	3	1½	1½	1½	3	1½	1½	2	1½	2½	2	1½	3	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	2

FORECAST: Telephone claims required for 22½, 23 and 23½ pts. The dividend forecast is a jackpot for 23½ pts. There were seven jackpot draws, one high-score draw and five no-score draws.

Endsleigh Insurance League

		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Gls
			HOME					AWAY						
1	Middlesbro	17	7	1	1	16	6	3	2	3	8	10	33	33
2	Wlvrhmptn	17	6	3	1	18	8	3	3	3	14	11	31	23
3	Bolton	17	6	2	1	17	5	2	3	3	13	13	29	30
4	Tranmere	17	7	2	0	24	10	1	3	4	4	10	29	28
5	Reading	17	4	3	1	8	2	4	1	4	12	13	28	20
6	Grimsby	18	6	2	1	16	7	1	4	4	9	14	27	25
7	Watford	18	5	3	1	14	9	2	3	4	7	13	27	21
8	*Luton*	18	2	2	5	11	12	5	3	1	15	10	26	26
9	Barnsley	17	4	3	1	9	5	3	2	4	7	13	26	16
10	Southend	18	6	1	2	12	7	1	3	5	7	22	25	19
11	Charlton	18	3	3	3	14	12	2	5	2	15	16	23	29
12	Sheff Utd	18	5	2	2	15	8	1	3	5	8	12	23	22
13	Stoke	17	5	2	2	18	9	1	3	4	4	15	23	21
14	Derby	18	4	3	2	13	8	2	2	5	7	11	23	20
15	*Burnley*	17	2	5	2	12	11	3	2	3	6	9	22	22
16	Swindon	17	5	3	1	14	9	1	0	7	10	19	21	18
17	Sundrlnd	17	1	6	2	8	9	3	3	2	10	7	21	22
18	Oldham	18	4	3	2	13	9	1	2	6	9	16	20	20
19	Port Vale	17	4	1	3	18	9	1	4	4	7	13	20	23
20	Millwall	18	3	4	2	16	12	1	3	5	7	14	19	19
21	Portsmth	17	2	3	3	9	11	2	4	3	10	12	19	14
22	Bristol C	17	3	3	3	8	12	2	1	5	7	11	19	16
23	West Brom	18	4	2	2	9	7	0	4	6	7	18	18	12
24	Notts C	17	1	4	3	10	14	1	1	7	8	16	11	18

		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Gls
			HOME					AWAY						
1	Huddersfld	17	7	1	1	19	9	4	3	1	19	14	37	38
2	Oxford Utd	17	7	2	0	17	7	4	2	2	16	11	37	33
3	Birmnghm	17	5	3	1	19	6	4	3	1	11	6	33	30
4	Wycombe	17	6	2	1	15	7	4	1	3	12	14	33	27
5	Hull	17	6	0	3	18	8	3	3	2	12	14	30	30
6	Blackpool	17	6	1	1	15	11	3	1	5	13	14	29	28
7	Stockport	17	5	0	3	14	10	4	1	4	14	14	28	28
8	Crewe	17	4	1	3	15	14	4	1	4	15	20	26	30
9	Wrexham	17	5	2	1	15	8	2	3	4	12	16	26	27
10	Bristol R	17	4	4	0	20	9	2	4	3	6	7	26	26
11	Bradford	17	4	1	4	12	13	4	1	3	14	14	26	26
12	Peterboro	17	2	3	3	10	14	5	2	2	12	11	26	22
13	Brentford	17	4	0	4	10	8	4	1	4	13	9	25	23
14	Swansea	17	3	4	2	7	6	3	3	2	14	11	25	21
15	York	17	4	2	2	15	9	2	3	4	7	10	23	22
16	Rotherham	17	4	1	3	12	12	1	2	6	8	14	18	20
17	Plymouth	17	2	2	5	9	19	3	1	4	11	13	18	20
18	Brighton	17	3	4	2	8	6	1	2	5	7	17	18	15
19	Shrewsbry	17	3	3	2	16	12	1	1	7	7	13	16	23
20	Cardiff	17	2	2	4	10	10	2	2	5	13	19	16	23
21	Cambs Utd	17	4	2	3	17	14	0	2	6	3	14	16	20
22	L Orient	17	4	2	3	11	9	0	0	8	5	17	14	16
23	Chester	17	3	2	4	11	13	0	1	7	2	13	12	13
24	Bournemth	17	2	1	5	9	16	0	2	7	4	19	9	13

		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Gls
			HOME					AWAY						
1	Carlisle	16	7	1	0	17	4	5	2	1	14	8	39	31
2	Bury	16	7	1	1	14	4	5	1	1	13	2	38	27
3	Doncaster	16	6	2	0	17	4	4	2	2	12	7	34	29
4	Barnet	16	3	4	1	16	9	5	1	2	9	9	29	25
5	Walsall	16	5	1	2	16	8	2	5	1	9	8	27	25
6	Colchester	16	4	1	3	11	14	3	3	2	9	9	25	20
7	Chesterfld	16	3	3	2	5	3	4	1	3	13	13	25	18
8	Torquay	16	4	3	1	16	11	2	2	4	8	11	23	24
9	Scnthrpe	16	3	2	4	14	12	3	2	2	10	9	22	24
10	Rochdale	16	3	2	3	12	12	3	1	4	12	22	21	24
11	Mansfield	16	2	2	4	7	8	4	1	3	15	13	21	22
12	Lincoln	16	4	2	2	13	9	2	1	5	8	11	21	21
13	Fulham	16	2	3	3	11	9	3	3	2	8	10	21	19
14	Preston	16	2	0	4	8	7	4	2	4	12	13	20	20
15	Darlington	16	3	2	3	12	12	2	2	4	7	10	19	19
16	Exeter	16	4	2	2	10	12	1	1	6	2	13	19	12
17	Gillingham	16	3	3	2	10	9	1	1	6	9	17	16	19
18	Northmptn	16	2	2	3	6	7	0	6	3	6	10	14	12
19	Wigan	16	2	1	5	13	14	2	0	6	8	15	13	21
20	Scarboro	16	1	3	4	8	11	2	1	5	6	14	13	14
21	Hereford	16	2	2	5	6	12	1	2	4	8	14	13	14
22	Hartlepool	16	3	1	4	7	9	0	3	5	2	11	13	9

BELL'S League Championship

		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
			HOME					AWAY						
1	Rangers	14	5	1	1	13	4	3	2	2	12	8	27	+13
2	Motherwell	14	3	4	0	14	10	3	3	1	12	9	25	+7
3	Hibernian	14	4	3	0	16	6	1	5	1	2	3	23	+9
4	Falkirk	14	3	3	1	10	9	2	3	2	11	11	21	+1
5	Celtic	14	2	3	2	6	7	2	4	1	8	6	19	+1
6	Hearts	14	4	1	2	10	5	1	1	5	7	16	17	-4
7	Dundee U	14	3	3	1	11	7	1	1	5	5	15	16	-6
8	Aberdeen	14	2	4	1	12	9	0	2	5	6	12	12	-3
9	Kilmarnock	14	2	3	2	5	5	0	3	4	6	14	12	-8
10	*Partick*	14	2	1	4	8	10	1	2	4	3	11	12	-10

		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
			HOME					AWAY						
1	Dunfermline	14	6	1	0	16	3	2	4	1	12	10	29	+15
2	Airdrie	13	3	4	0	5	1	4	2	0	14	5	27	+13
3	Dundee	13	5	2	0	15	6	2	1	3	9	12	24	+6
4	Raith	14	2	4	1	13	11	3	2	2	9	5	21	+6
5	St Johnstone	13	3	2	1	9	4	1	4	2	7	10	18	+2
6	Clydebank	14	3	2	2	11	7	1	2	4	4	11	16	-3
7	Hamilton	14	3	2	2	10	12	0	3	4	3	12	14	-11
8	St Mirren	14	2	2	3	8	9	0	5	2	6	9	13	-4
9	Ayr	14	2	3	2	10	12	0	1	6	1	12	10	-13
10	Stranraer	13	2	2	2	5	4	0	0	7	4	16	8	-7

		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
			HOME					AWAY						
1	Berwick	14	6	1	0	11	5	2	2	3	16	17	27	+5
2	Stenhsemuir	14	3	4	0	9	3	3	2	2	10	10	24	+6
3	East Fife	14	3	1	3	15	13	3	3	1	7	5	22	+4
4	G Morton	13	4	1	1	11	4	3	0	4	8	11	22	+4
5	Dumbarton	14	4	1	2	9	7	2	2	3	7	10	21	-1
6	Stirling	13	3	1	3	9	7	3	0	3	9	11	19	0
7	Clyde	14	2	3	2	13	10	3	0	4	6	8	18	+1
8	*Queen of Sth*	14	3	1	3	13	11	1	3	3	4	9	16	-3
9	* Meadwbk	14	2	1	4	5	6	2	2	3	9	10	12	-1
10	Brechin	14	1	1	5	8	15	1	1	5	4	12	8	-15

** Meadowbank deducted 3 points for fielding an ineligible player*

		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
			HOME					AWAY						
1	Montrose	14	5	1	1	14	5	4	2	1	12	9	30	+15
2	Forfar	14	6	1	0	13	4	3	0	4	6	10	28	+5
3	Cowdnbth	14	3	2	2	12	9	5	0	2	15	8	26	+10
4	E Stirling	14	3	1	3	14	11	4	2	1	14	8	24	+9
5	Caledonian	14	3	2	2	13	14	4	1	2	11	8	24	[illegible]
6	Alloa	14	2	3	2	8	8	4	2	1	15	8	23	+7
7	Ross County	14	2	1	4	15	15	2	3	2	8	7	16	[illegible]
8	Queen's Pk	14	2	0	5	8	14	1	2	4	10	12	11	-10
9	Arbroath	14	0	2	5	2	11	3	0	4	15	19	11	[illegible]
10	Albion	14	1	0	6	6	19	0	1	6	4	17	4	-26

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Elliott and Cram condemn athletes too readily consumed by fear of failure

Britain running scared of its golden past



David Powell on the moves to reverse a decline in middle and long-distance events



Coe crosses the line to win the 1,500 metres at the Moscow Olympics of 1980. Britain, once dominant, now has no male athlete in the world's top 15 at the distance. Photograph: Joe Marquette

Peter Elliott sat at the back of the room, listening to the debate. Most of Britain's best male middle-distance runners were thrashing out their problems, the reasons why many were *not fulfilling their potential*. As the session broke up, Elliott, with a look of genuine concern, cut through the fog. "I think they are just frightened to go out there and make it hurt," he said.

As part of the attempt to reverse the decline in British men's middle-distance and endurance running, the British Athletic Federation (BAF) staged a two-day conference in Stafford over the weekend. So heavily has Britain fallen from those precious days of Seb Coe, Steve Cram, Steve Ovett and Elliott that the least decorated of the "fab four" is back training in anger.

It is more than two years since Elliott raced but now, with the worst of his injuries behind him, he is running 70 miles a week and hopes to be racing in Australia this winter before a competitive summer in Europe. What relief that would bring to this island which, in the Eighties, was blessed not only with Coe, Cram, Ovett and Elliott, but also with Graham Williamson, John Robson, David Moorcroft and Steve Crabb, each worth his place in a *world-class 1,500 metres field*.

Now Britain has no male athlete in the world's top 40 at 800 metres, nobody in the top 15 at 1,500 metres. Britain's women, by contrast, are well represented, by Kelly Holmes, Yvonne Murray and Alison Wyeth. The fastest 800 *metres by a British man this* year, Martin Steele's 1min 46.13sec, is the slowest No 1 ranking time for 23 years. The tenth-fastest time, a guide to the competition for international places, is 1min 48.42sec, the slowest for 15 years.

At 1,500 metres, no Briton *has broken 3min 35sec since* 1991. Before then, there had not been a year since 1978 in which that had happened. The fastest Briton in 1994, Matthew Yates, is the second-slowest ranking leader since 1978, and the tenth-quickest time, 3min 40.33sec, is the second-slowest since 1983. Norman Poole, the BAF's national coach for the two distances, and the conference organiser, argues that, lower down the rankings, the statistics indicate improvement, but he accepts that the public judges by what it sees on television.

Statistics for 5,000 and 10,000 metres are little more satisfying. Yesterday, the BAF announced measures to help, including an increased number of races in Britain at the televised meetings and a fund to pay athletes' expenses to races abroad where promoters are offering places. Malcolm Arnold, Britain's *national team coach, said these* would be "for those who are genuinely developing into international class and are finding it difficult to obtain international competition".

Poole had identified "a lack of opportunity for races for people on the fringe". He used as an example Gary Lough, who went to the European championships in Helsinki without having raced outside Britain. Mike Down, a Bristol coach, asked which athletes felt that they had not been getting into races they should have been in. Not one put his hand up.

> 'I get fed up hearing them whinge. If they are not going to commit themselves, how do they expect to run fast times?'

Elliott, though, thinks that no amount of assistance will be beneficial if the present weak will among British athletes prevails. "I get fed up with hearing them whinge on and on and on," Elliott, a former Commonwealth champion, indoor world record-holder and Olympic silver medal-winner, said. "*It is frustrating to sit at* home and see the decline. I get people stopping me in the street saying: 'We need you back.' That is why I am trying. I want to get back because I want to start to try to turn things round. If there were three or four guys running 3:32 or 3:33 there would be no point.

"If they are not going to commit themselves when the gun goes, how do they expect to run fast times? I was prepared to go out there and take it on. Norman [Poole] puts races on with pacemakers and they do not go with it. For all the stick I used to get, at least I had a go."Elliott expects more stick now, from his fellow athletes, for making these comments. "But if that is what it takes to motivate them it will be worth it," he said. His views were echoed by Cram in a group discussion with today's best of British.

"You have got to start putting yourself into positions you are not used to," Cram, a former world champion and world record-holder, said. "If that means putting yourself in front on the first lap, try it. You cannot wait for something to be laid on a plate for you."

Later, in a lecture, Cram said: "Too many athletes are frightened on the line, wondering what is going to happen. You have got to stand on the start of every race and know what you are going to do. You would not send 22 people out to play football without goals at either end."

Poole agreed that some British athletes are wasting chances. "Fortune favours the brave," he told the conference. George Gandy, the BAF national coach for 5,000 and 10,000 metres, concurred. "You have got to hurt yourself a few times, and most of you are not doing that," he said. In other words, you must join in the lottery to win the jackpot.

Two outdoor world championships and an Olympics have passed since a British male won a medal in either championship at any distance from 800 metres upwards. *The sunbeam through the* gloom has been Rob Denmark who, at 5,000 metres, won the European championship silver medal in Helsinki and the Commonwealth title in Victoria. By the time Victoria came, Denmark was so full of contempt for the BAF that, instead of savouring his greatest moment, he used it as a platform to pour out his venom.

"We get it rammed down our throats how great the stars of yesterday were — and they were — but we are treated like second-class citizens, and I can see a lot of despondency among my peers," Denmark said. He was referring to the federation's inadequate support for its middle and distance runners. Dave Lewis and Gary Staines, two more leading Britons, have recently expressed similar views.



Britain's array of leading medals was assembled by the likes of, from left, Ovett, Cram, Elliott and Spedding

Among its other corrective measures, the BAF also intends to press on with its mentor plan, linking winners of the past, such as Cram and Moorcroft, with Britain's emerging athletes. When Charlie Spedding, the last Briton to win an Olympic marathon medal, in 1984, *retired in 1991, he said: "One* of my biggest disappointments was that after I won a medal in Los Angeles, Britain's first Olympic marathon medal for 20 years, nobody asked how I did it." Lough said he thought it a potentially invaluable scheme.

In a column in The Observer yesterday, Peter Coe, Seb's father and coach, said that he resigned within a year of his appointment as coordinator of the south of England elite distance-running coaching scheme (north of Thames) after forming the opinion that too many coaches seemed to think that they knew it all, and that "the idea of actually sitting down and sharing experiences, training information and anything new in sports science — in short, the very keys to success — was never mentioned".

While much of Britain's army of voluntary coaches performs good work, and most in Stafford went out of pocket to be there, it is a contentious area. Too many coaches keep athletes who have progressed beyond the limits of their coaching ability."Coaches must be prepared to pass athletes on," Arnold said. "There are a lot of talented athletes with inexperienced coaches," Malcolm Brown, the joint BAF head endurance coach, said. "We had this combination of talented athlete and successful coach, such as Steve Ovett and Harry Wilson, but that is an ad hoc arrangement which *is fragile. We do not have it* any more.

"You always get a round of applause if you say that athletes are the most important thing, but if you focus your resources on coaches you will have a conveyor belt of athletes."

The BAF does not have the money to fund schemes such as those in Spain and Portugal, where the leading distance runners are paid five-figure salaries to pick their races and concentrate on championships. "There is not the money for that," Arnold said.

As the conference ended, Ian Stewart, the former European 5,000 metres champion who is now head of BAF events, was asked to consider taking advice from the national event coaches when selecting British athletes for the televised races next season. Stewart seemed reluctant to agree, saying he thought he knew more than the national event coach. A sizeable *faux pas* given the company present, but a lesson in self-assurance to those athletes *listening*.

Aberdeen lost on Miller's road to nowhere

Scottish commentary

KEVIN McCARRA



An Aberdeen manager will always have time *for thought as the road* slides beneath the wheels of the bus. Based 150 miles from Glasgow, this is an itinerant club. Of late, though, Willie Miller's team has made far too many morose trips homewards. It has been on one long journey into gloom.

Saturday's travels yielded a 2-1 defeat by Partick Thistle, the premier division's bottom side. Eleven months ago, Aberdeen sold a young striker called Andy Gibson to Thistle for £70,000. Until the weekend he had not scored a single goal. He got the winner *against his old club.* Well, of course he did. So far as management goes, it has been that kind of life for Miller.

What goes through his mind on the journey home? Maybe the stretch to Perth is spent worrying about a defence in the habit of selling cheap equalisers. Brooding about seven away league matches in this campaign without a win might take him as far as Dundee. As the signs for Forfar and Montrose slip by, he could reflect that things are rushing from bad to worse. Last season, six victories away from Pittodrie seemed like a shoddy record.

By Stonehaven, with Aberdeen almost in sight, Miller must be wondering just how long such concerns will remain his property. Some expected his dismissal when Skonto Riga, the Latvian side, defeated Aberdeen in the Uefa Cup's preliminary round. Losing the Coca-Cola Cup semi-final to Celtic last month brought dismissal onto the agenda of everyone except, it appears, the Aberdeen board.

Miller has certainly done badly. He possesses a gifted squad that ought, at the very least, to be dogging Rangers' footsteps at the head of the premier division. Instead it is consorting with the losers at the foot of the table. The manager has found that, as one piece of the side is shored up, so another one caves in.

During the summer, Miller strengthened his attack by signing Billy Dodds from St Johnstone. With three international strikers also on the club's books (Eoin Jess, Duncan Shearer and Scott Booth), not even injuries can prevent Aberdeen from fielding an effective pair of forwards. While goals have been scored, though, the Aberdeen defence has virtually ceased to function.

Miller is seemingly unable to bind his whole team together. The players, of course, are also culpable in failing to produce the form that ought to come readily to them, but in such cases the final blame must always lie with the manager. This is as much a matter of finance as one of logic, for it is easier to release one man than it is to get rid of 11 others.

Aberdeen are not, on the whole, a flighty club and they may stand by their manager for a while yet. With the Coca-Cola Cup gone, the championship a hopeless case and only qualification for Europe to fret over, *there may not be any* rush to judgment. Miller could be given the chance to redeem himself in the Scottish Cup.

In any case, the wilful manner in which he was appointed means that his failure would also be the directors' failure. Last Sunday, 200 people gathered in Stirling to celebrate Alex Smith's 25 years as a football manager. The Aberdeen chairman, Ian Donald, was one of them and, while there was dignity in his attendance, he should also have had a feeling of chagrin in his heart.

Smith, now in charge of Clyde, was Miller's predecessor at Aberdeen. Donald was the man who sacked him in February 1992. That dismissal seems, in retrospect, even more rash than it did at the time. In 1989, Aberdeen won the Skol Cup. In 1990, they won the Scottish Cup. In 1991, they missed out on the championship by a single point. Smith should therefore have been allowed to survive the dreadful string of results that brought about his downfall.

He was the victim of protesting supporters who took the *superficial fanzine view that* this was a plodding manager. In fact, Smith, although he would shun the TV razzmatazz, has one of the keenest minds in football. His employers ought to have known that.

The whole affair was also an injustice to Miller, who possessed only a little experience as reserve-team coach. He has since been learning about the nuances of management in the most painful way. Miller got the job because he is, rightly, regarded by the people of Aberdeen *as the hero whose playing* performances made the glories of the 1980s possible. Sadly, it is much trickier to transmit your indefatigability into a team from a seat on the bench. Pondering the impulsiveness of 1992, the Aberdeen board may conclude that sometimes the boldest course is to do nothing at all.

Fortune fails the brave

Barnet	1
Bury	1

BY KEITH PIKE

A REASONABLE result for *Barnet, whose rehabilitation* under Ray Clemence is progressing well, a better one for Bury, who played most of the second half with ten men and equalised *eight minutes from* time. The only real loser at Underhill on Saturday was, arguably, football itself.

There is more than one way of playing the game, of course; no rights and wrongs, only results. Bury are more than just another long-ball, short-skill side. On this evidence they have taken raw-boned aggression to new levels: a brand of football somewhere *between Rollerball and un*armed combat, so naked in its objective and so frightening in its intensity that it could almost be admired. Almost, but not quite.

Every Bury tackle was made with steely-eyed commitment. No quibbles there. But there is no pleasure in watching one professional lever another head-first into the advertising hoardings, a set of studs rake down the back of a calf, or off-the-ball provocation. No encouragement, either, from witnessing yet another referee seemingly *happy to ignore the blatant* and punish the trivial.

So, while Barnet try to play their way out of the Endsleigh Insurance League third division, Bury *continue to try to* batter their way free. The casualty list was high. At one stage in the first half Barnet were down to nine men, Cooper damaging a shoulder in his enforced collision with the perimeter fence and Walker sporting a crimson-orange shirt as blood spurted worringly from a gaping head wound. "I'm the only person in the squad who is *not injured*," Clemence said, "but after that match I'm just glad to be alive."

Neither did Bury escape unscathed, although it was faintly ludicrous that Kelly, their goalkeeper, should receive the only red card of the afternoon, just after half-time, for handling marginally outside his area. Kelly will now be suspended as Bury seek to protect a reputation for miserliness that could earn them a place in football folklore. Liverpool, who gave up only 16 goals in 42 matches in the 1978-79 season, hold the record. The goal Bury let in on Saturday was only the sixth they have let conceded in 16 league matches, and only the second on their travels.

Some goal it was, too. Barnet sweeping the length of the field in two passes, from McDonald through Freedman to McMahon, who scored beautifully from a narrowing angle. Had McMahon (twice), Freedman and Mutchell not squandered gilt-edged chances, Barnet would have been rewarded for their fortitude and fluency. Instead, Mulligan crashed homed the *equaliser from one of only two* chances the visitors created all afternoon. Romance 1, Bury 1.

BARNET (4-3-2-1): G Phillips — M Newson, L Pinnus, A Walker, D McDonald — P Wilson, P Scott, C Hoddle — G Mokahon, D Freedman — M Cooper (sub: R Mutchell, 46min)

BURY (4-4-2): G Kelly — R Cross (sub: J Mulligan, 57), C Lucketti, T Matthewson, R Stanislaus — A Rigby (sub: L Bracey, 47), N Daws, R Mauge, D Pugh — L Johnrose, J Paston.

Referee: A Butler.

Pitman serves up winning recipe for her Grand National hope

Lusty Light thrives on weighty diet

By Richard Evans, Racing Correspondent

CAN a slow-burn cooker costing £37 from Argos and a horse once labelled by his trainer as "skinny" combine to produce another Grand National victory for the silks made famous by Corbiere and Jenny Pitman?

If you believe Ladbrokes and William Hill, you would be unwise to bet against it. The bookmakers have installed Lusty Light as 20-1 favourite for the world's most famous steeplechase after he extended his unbeaten run this season to five with a easy victory in The Rip Handicap Chase at Ascot on Saturday.

The dramatic improvement in Lusty Light, who runs in the light blue and orange colours made famous by Corbiere at Aintree in 1983, owes as much to Mrs Beeton as Mrs Pitman, trainer of the progressive eight-year-old. "Lee O'Hare, my new head lad, was talking about the horses' likes and dislikes and he remarked that Lusty Light always ate better on Wednesdays and Saturdays — mash night — so I said he could have it every night."

The hot mash, the equine equivalent of stew and dumplings, is made by boiling up linseed and barley. At first, the nightly cooking was carried out in Mrs Pitman's home at Weathercock House stables, Upper Lambourn. "It stunk the place out so I went into Argos and bought a slow cooker especially for him. I have never invested £37 more wisely."

The proof of the pudding is in the eating. Lusty Light has trounced his rivals by a combined winning margin of almost 60 lengths this season and had risen 27lb in the weights before Saturday's emphatic success.

Mrs Pitman, the first woman to train a Grand National winner, already has Aintree in mind. "He would get an entry for the race and we will see how we get on. There is a lot of water to go under the bridge between now and then.

"He is not a big, robust horse. He has won his races because he is at the right end of the handicap. I used to call him skinny. Not anymore. I would call him wiry now."

Pinpointing the whims and individual demands of racehorses is one of the toughest tasks facing any trainer. Most thoroughbreds need some form of pampering or special treatment. Not many are normal, least of all Raymylette, who defied top weight on his seasonal debut in the First National Bank Gold Cup Chase at Ascot to continue his unbeaten record over fences.

Few trainers spend more hours thinking about what is best for their horses than Nicky Henderson and Raymylette will have caused him more anxiety than most. "He doesn't let you sleep easily at night," he said.

For starters, the seven-year-old chaser has to have the most basic diet. The mere thought of a Lusty Light style hot mash would be enough disrupt his fragile digestive system. When he was turned out in a field, full of lush grass, during the summer he almost "fell to bits" inside ten days and was quickly brought back indoors.

"He lives on a low protein diet with very little in it. It is real low octane fuel. If you start to give him anything that heats up, it goes straight through him," Henderson said yesterday.

While dried food, made up of bran and low protein oats, has solved the dietary problem, Henderson has also had to deal with Raymylette's "steering" difficulties.

Last season, a sliding bar bit was used to give Raymylette's jockey some chance of steering the correct course. More recently, Henderson has acquired an even more effective piece of ironmongery from Timmy O'Callaghan in Ireland, who found the horse for the Lambourn trainer.

The end result on Saturday was a thrilling display of front-running to thwart the well-backed Couldnt Be Better and Beachy Head. As Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber and his wife, Madeleine, in whose colours the horse runs, welcomed the winner, bookmakers quickly made him a 25-1 chance for the Cheltenham Gold Cup. Henderson is keen to tackle three miles with Raymylette but where will depend on the view taken by the handicapper. Ideally, Henderson would like to return to Ascot for the Betterware Cup next month before having a crack at Chepstow's Rehearsal Chase, where all-important soft ground is almost guaranteed.

At Aintree, Into The Red would have probably won the Crowther Homes Becher Chase even without the fall of the tiring Indian Tonic at the second-last. Ridden by Richard Guest, who was runner-up in the 1992 Grand National on Romany King, John White's gelding will now go for the Eider Chase, which he won two years ago. Guest, who is Sue Smith's stable jockey, has been given dispensation to ride him all season, including in the National.

Moorcroft Boy, who finished third in this year's Grand National, is almost certainly out for the rest of this season after a bad fall during the race over the National fences. "He has fractured the third vertebra in his neck. He is holding his own and is in the best place at Liverpool University's veterinary unit. Let's hope he makes a full recovery," David Nicholson, his trainer, said.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: DESMOND GOLD (3.15 Folkestone)
Next best: Spuffington (2.45 Folkestone)

ALAN JOHNSON



Moorcroft Boy fractured a vertebra in his neck as a result of his spectacular fall in the Becher Chase at Aintree

Achievements of Lochsong must not be devalued

Strange how reputations in racing are no sooner made than someone comes along and starts hacking away at their foundations. Take Lochsong, the sprinter who captured the affections of the public in a way that no other Flat racehorse has done for years.

Last week, it was announced that Lochsong, now rising seven years of age, had been retired. A day or so later, Geoffrey Gibbs, the British Horseracing Board's senior handicapper, while acknowledging that "Lochsong is part of everyone's heart", rated her no better than "very good" as a sprinter.

Accustomed as we are to handicappers making the occasional mistake, this was not merely a mistake, but damnation with faint praise of a monumental order, to say nothing of an insult not only to the horse but also to the huge fan club who consider that she was deservedly known as "the Queen of Speed".

Moreover, were the clockwatchers earlier this month in Kentucky out of their minds when they declared that Lochsong's speed was phenomenal and made her the fastest draw since Wyatt Earp cleaned up Dodge City? And were the spectators deluded for two years running in their amazement and delight at Longchamp, where she turned one of Europe's top sprints into processions?

Gibbs, of course, bases his opinion on the handicap rating he has produced for Lochsong and the debatable observation that the opposition she so often slaughtered over five furlongs was not much good.

But if a poll were taken among British racegoers, who mostly do not give a fig for the cold logic of official handicap ratings, Lochsong would not be just "very good", she would remain what she was, a great racehorse.

Greatness, after all, consists not merely in the book value of deeds performed, but in the way they were achieved, with charisma thrown in. True, Lochsong had her foibles, as most queens do, but then, a certain king is still known as Alfred the Great despite, according to legend, burning the cakes.

The senior handicapper's put-down aside, there is another small cloud which has been seen hovering over Lochsong's future as a broodmare. It has been pointed out that there is a long list of eminent horses who, hard-raced beyond the age of three, did not turn out to be successful mums.

In this century there are those Edwardian equine heroines, Sceptre and Pretty Polly. Four winners apart, Sceptre was barren for nine years before she died, while Pretty Polly also produced only four winners. Nearer our own times, Petite Etoile was a bitter disappointment, so too Park Top, while Allez France went ten years before producing a subsequently successful foal.

Yet Lochsong's sporting owner, Jeff Smith, should not lose any sleep on this score. All the above horses were middle-distance performers and there is a great deal of difference between their race histories and that of a sprinter such as Lochsong. Even more important, in later generations, the progeny of both Sceptre and Pretty Polly exerted a most powerful influence on the stud book.

So, Lochsong goes to be mated with another speed specialist, Bluebird. The salutations of the world of racing will go with her. As her trainer, Ian Balding, said after her astonishing victory in Paris last month: "When she is at peace with herself, she is unique." And so say all of us.

JACK WATERMAN



Racing commentary

Coonawara poised for return

TIM Forster is preparing to take the wraps off his exciting prospect Coonawara in the Jacky Upton Chase at Newbury on Friday.

The eight-year-old landed his first five outings over fences last term by an aggregate of more than 65 lengths. But he has not been seen out since a fall three fences from home when in a challenging position in the Arkle Chase at Cheltenham in March.

Forster said: "Coonawara chipped a bone in a knee in the Arkle and spent three months shut up in his box. He seems fine now but I am not quite sure if he's ready. I'll see how he gets on this week before making my mind up whether to run. I might give him another week."

Coonawara has done most of his winning at two miles but Forster said: "He'll probably be campaigned at 2½ miles or three. He kept winning when he ran at two miles so we stuck at the trip but he won a point-to-point as a five-year-old and I am not worried about the longer distance."

No decision has been made on a jockey for Coonawara this season. Brendan Powell partnered the gelding in all his outings last season but Jamie Osborne rode him in work recently.

Results from Saturday's five meetings...... Page 34

CATTERICK

THUNDERER

12.30 Judicial Field. 1.00 **EARLYMORNING LIGHT** (nap). 1.30 Choctaw. 2.00 Fret. 2.30 Sir Peter Lely. 3.00 Weather Alert. 3.30 Spring Call.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES) SIS

12.30 WAKEFIELD NOVICES CHASE (£2,445: 2m) (5 runners)

1 P/ BALLYLANE 1834 J Dixon 10-11-0 ... G Cahill (7) –
2 3452 GOLDEN ISLE 2 (F,G) J Charlton 10-11-0 ... B Storey [illegible]
3 3-50 HICKSONS CHOICE 17 J Wade 6-11-0 ... K Jones 73
4 0423 JUDICIAL FIELD 2 (B,S) N Tinkler 5-11-0 ... M Dwyer –
5 DF-5 TOKANDA 9 F Yardley 10-11-0 ... F Leahy (5) 59

5-4 Judicial Field, 2-1 Golden Isle, 5-1 Tokanda, Hicksons Choice, 50-1 Ballylane.

1.00 LEEDS NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£2,250: 2m 3f) (16)

1 0-21 EARLYMORNING LIGHT 17 (G) G Richards 5-11-7 .. A Dobbin 98
2 -45 BILLY BRIGHTON 7 B Rothwell 4-11-0 ... M Dwyer –
3 006 CELTIC SILVER 14 Mrs S Smith 6-11-0 ... Richard Guest 91
4 03-0 DON'T TELL JUDY 10 J Haldane 6-11-0 ... P Niven 97
5 46-0 GRIFFINS BAR 24 Mrs P Sly 6-11-0 ... R Marley 89
6 0 KITTOCHSIDE LAD 42 Mrs S Austin 4-11-0 ... T Reed –
7 405 MR DICK 16 M H Easterby 4-11-0 ... L Wyer 87
8 0 SLOTAMATIQUE 19 G Richards 5-11-0 ... M Moloney 96
9 SOVEREIGN SPRAY J Curtis 4-11-0 ... L O'Hara –
10 250- WAYWARD EDWARD 455 (B) Mrs S Lamyman 8-11-0 ... F Leahy (5) 86
11 -634 EMERALD CHARM 16 J Charlton 6-10-9 ... B Storey 98
12 PP0- KERRY TO CLARE 180 T Gibson 8-10-9 ... N Smith –
13 0-P6 LITTLE SERENA 18 J Walmsley 4-10-9 ... S Turner 89
14 -436 QUEEN BUZZARD 14 E Weymes 6-10-9 ... Mr J Weymes [illegible]
15 50-4 SIERRA MADRONA 17 Mrs A Swinbank 4-10-9 ... Mr C Wilson 88
16 0 TOPOTHENORTHRACING 16 P Beaumont 4-10-9 .. R Garritty 77

7-4 Earlymorning Light, 5-1 Slotamatique, 7-1 Little Serena, 8-1 Sierra Madrona, Mr Dick, 12-1 Griffins Bar 16-1 others.

1.30 NOVEMBER CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,636: 3m 1f 110yd) (4)

1 413- PINK GIN 208 (D,F,G,S) M Hammond 7-11-10 ... S Lyons 96
2 1-23 CHOCTAW 13 (CD,BF,F,G,S) P Beaumont 10-11-7 ... B Grattan (3) 98
3 60-0 DUCHESS OF TUBBER 14 (D,S) R Fisher 6-10-9 ... R Davis [illegible]
4 3432 BISHOPDALE 13 (C,F,G,S) S Chadwick 13-10-0 .. G Cahill (3) 95

4-5 Pink Gin, 9-4 Choctaw, 9-2 Duchess Of Tubber, 7-1 Bishopdale

2.00 BRADFORD SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,553: 2m) (18)

1 10-P SKELETOR 16 (CD,G,S) W Cunningham 11-12-0 . W Fry (7) –
2 -403 FRET 11 (D,BF,G,S) J Wainwright 4-11-12 ... N Smith 98
3 F34/ SCIACCA 586 (D,F) T Dyer 7-11-11 ... A Linton (7) –
4 -444 WHAT IF 17 (D,F,G,S) O Brennan 10-11-6 ... M Brennan 97
5 00P- BUD'S BET 194 (D,F) W Haigh 6-11-3 ... D Byrne –
6 0/4- PAKOL 12F Mrs A Swinbank 5-11-2 ... J K McCarthy (7) –
7 R500 AUSTHORPE SUNSET 4 (V,D,F,G,S) T Donnelly 10-11-1 ... Mr R Armson 95
8 2-46 RICHMOND 45 (B,G) Mrs S Austin 6-11-1 ... T Reed 91
9 3-00 STATION EXPRESS 25 (D,F,G) J Dooler 6-10-7 . F Leahy (5) 93
10 334- MISTER BLAKE 353 (V) I Campbell 4-10-6 ... R Campbell 92
11 06-0 FRIENDLY KNIGHT 14 J Haldane 4-10-0 ... A Dobbin [illegible]
12 FP0- TOLLS CHOICE 21F M W Easterby 5-10-0 .... D Bentley (3) –
13 P05- STARLIGHT WONDER 367 (D,F,G) R Barr 8-10-0 ... N Smith 81
14 435/ OWT ON 570 J Hellens 7-10-0 ... A Larnach (3) –
15 -600 TRY AGAIN JANE 17F (B) D Eddy 4-10-0 ... B Storey –
16 -504 SPEEDY SIOUX 3 (B,D,G) S Chadwick 5-10-0 .. G Cahill (7) 80
17 6PP/ ELEANOR CROSS 1112 B Richmond 9-10-0 ... B Dalton –
18 FP0- SOLO CORNET 175 (G,S) M Bielby 9-10-0 ... L Wyer 87

4-1 Fret, 5-1 Tolls Choice, What If, 6-1 Richmond, Starlight Wonder, 8-1 others.

2.30 W L AND HECTOR CHRISTIE MEMORIAL TROPHY HANDICAP CHASE (£2,872: 2m) (7)

1 16-5 SIR PETER LELY 23 (D,F,G,S) M Hammond 7-12-0 ... Mr C Bonner (5) 98
2 0-01 POLITICAL TOWER 10 (CD,G,S) M Barnes 7-11-8 .. A Dobbin 98
3 RU-6 FULL O'PRAISE 44 (D,F,G) P Calver 7-10-10 ... T Reed 94
4 F24- ISSYIN 223 (C,S) M W Easterby 7-10-8 ... R Garritty 97
5 2F1- DORADUS 191 (F,G) Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-10-6 ... M Dwyer 93
6 20-3 STRONG APPROACH 17 (D,G) J Charlton 9-10-7 .. B Storey [illegible]
7 42-4 VULRORY'S CLOWN 114 (C,D,F,G,S) O Brennan 16-10-0 ... M Brennan 80

7-4 Political Tower, 3-1 Sir Peter Lely, 5-1 Strong Approach, Doradus, 8-1 others.

3.00 HALIFAX JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (£2,093: 2m) (12)

1 15 ROYAL CREST 6 (F) M Camacho 11-7 ... M Dwyer 92
2 135 WEATHER ALERT 23 (G) K Morgan 11-7 ... A S Smith [illegible]
3 30 BO KNOWS NIGEL 23 I Campbell 11-0 ... R Campbell 97
4 CURIE CRUSADER 20F M Dods 11-0 ... T Reed –
5 0 GALWAY BLAZER 13 G Moore 11-0 ... N Bentley –
6 5 GRANDMAN 19 D Moffatt 11-0 ... D J Moffatt (3) 88
7 P MERRYHILL GOLD 58 J Curtis 11-0 ... L O'Hara –
8 0 AUNTIE FAY 6 B Rothwell 10-9 ... B Storey –
9 P BAIRN GLEN 13 G Oldroyd 10-9 ... G Cahill (7) –
10 BESCABY GIRL 63F J Wainwright 10-9 ... P Midgley (3) –
11 3 RAMBOLLINA 6 M W Easterby 10-9 ... J Driscoll (7) 97
12 P SUSELJA 9 J Jefferson 10-9 ... L Wyer –

7-4 Weather Alert, 7-2 Bo Knows Nigel, 6-1 Rambollina, 8-1 others.

3.30 HUDDERSFIELD NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,928: 2m) (19)

1 ALHAATMI P Morgan 4-11-0 ... Mr S Walker (7) –
2 CITY BUZZ M H Easterby 4-11-0 ... S Haworth (7) –
3 5 CLAVERHOUSE 14 Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-11-0 E Callaghan (7) –
4 0- CORPORAL KIRKWOOD 249 R Fisher 4-11-0 ... R Davis –
5 00- CRACKING IDEA 229 J Edwards 6-11-0 ... D Bentley (3) –
6 DARK CONE G Richards 5-11-0 ... Mr R Hale –
7 0- FREQUENT VISION 217 T Tate 4-11-0 ... W Fry (7) –
8 HINTERTUX G Moore 4-11-0 ... N Stocks (7) –
9 JONAEM Mrs E Slack 4-11-0 ... Mrs Diane Sayer –
10 LEGAL LORD M Hammond 4-11-0 ... D Webb (7) –
11 3- NATIVE MONY 244 N Hammond 5-11-0 ... Kate Sellars (7) –
12 NOSAM N Mason 4-11-0 ... J Supple (5) –
13 0 PARSONS BOY 14 G Richards 5-11-0 ... B Harding (5) –
14 PETOSKI BAY J Johnson 4-11-0 ... S Taylor (7) –
15 0-6 SPEAKER WEATHERILL 17 O Brennan 5-11-0 R Moore (7) –
16 3- SPRING CALL 289 M H Easterby 4-11-0 ... Mr D Parker (5) –
17 0 TOMMY THE BAKER 17 M W Easterby 4-11-0 J Driscoll (7) –
18 0 JENNIFER ECCLES 61 R Allan 4-10-9 ... S Melrose (7) –
19 0' JIM'S JEWEL 728 J Goulding 6-10-9 ... Mark Roberts (7) –

3-1 Alhaatmi, 9-2 Native Mony, 6-1 Spring Call, 10-1 City Buzz, Dark Cone, 12-1 Legal Lord, Hintertux, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Mrs P Sly, 2 winners from 7 runners, 42.9%. K Morgan, 6 from 23, 26.1%. N Tinkler, 7 from 33, 21.2%. Jimmy Fitzgerald, 13 from 69, 18.8%. M H Easterby, 11 from 69, 15.9%. M Hammond, 11 from 72, 15.3%.

JOCKEYS: M Dwyer, 18 winners from 68 rides, 26.5%. A S Smith, 5 from 20, 25.0%. P Niven, 16 from 79, 20.3%. W Fry, 5 from 19, 15.6%. D Byrne, 6 from 39, 15.4%. R Marley, 6 from 39, 15.4%.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: There are no horses blinkered for the first time today.

FOLKESTONE

THUNDERER

12.45 Tickerty's Gift. 1.15 Young Alfie. 1.45 Cheeky Fox. 2.15 Cool And Easy. 2.45 Fast Thoughts. 3.15 Desmond Gold

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.45 **SPUFFINGTON.**

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO SOFT IN HOME STRAIGHT ON HURDLES COURSE) SIS

12.45 BREDE NOVICES HURDLE (£1,622: 2m 1f 110yd) (18 runners)

101 04-1 HOBBS 25 (G) (S Tindall) S Mellor 4-11-5 ... M Perrett 91
102 ANOTHER FIDDLE 55F (W Alexander) R Akehurst 4-10-12 ... G McCourt –
103 530-32 DESERT CHALLENGER 10 (Andrews Freight Ltd) J Jenkins 4-10-12 ... N Williamson 96
104 EMBLEY PARK 1146F (D Mills) Mrs A Mills 5-10-12 ... I Lawrence –
105 050605- GRAND COLONIST 233 (R Dean) R Dean 7-10-12 ... A Procter (5) 75
106 2-U HILLSDOWN BOY 12F (J Mills) S Dow 4-10-12 ... A Dicken 85
107 0PP-0 KING'S GOLD 23 (S Mason) T Jones 4-10-12 ... D Gallagher –
108 0- MILL O'THE RAGS 200 (E Fenaroli) Mrs D Haine 5-10-12 ... J F Titley –
109 60-0UP NOBLE RISK 11 (B) (Mrs J Borrett) B De Haan 4-10-12 ... S McNeill –
110 RANZEL 584F (Mrs A Leat) Mrs D Haine 4-10-12 ... D Bridgwater –
111 P RED WHIRLWIND 6 (O Flynn) B McMath 4-10-12 ... R Dunwoody –
112 0P STRATAGEM 13 (Mrs N Mabbey) S Woodman 4-10-12 ... A Maguire –
113 2- TICKERTY'S GIFT 18F (K Higson) G L Moore 4-10-12 ... M Richards [illegible]
114 P- WORLD OF TOMORROW 370 (Mrs V O'Brien) D O'Brien 5-10-12 ... Mr G Brown –
115 BREATH OF SPRING (P Luckin) P Luckin 5-10-7 ... E Murphy –
116 50 HONEY VISION 36 (Mrs L Browning) D Browning 5-10-7 ... T Grantham –
117 34- KEEL ROW 248 (Queen Elizabeth) T Thomson Jones 4-10-7 ... S Smith Eccles –
118 F036- YELLOW CORN 189 (Mrs R Howell) D Grissell 5-10-7 ... Peter Hobbs 70

BETTING: 2-1 Hobbs, 5-2 Tickerty's Gift, 4-1 Another Fiddle, 5-1 Desert Challenger, 12-1 others.

1993: MEETING ABANDONED — FROST AND SNOW

FORM FOCUS

HOBBS beat Royal Segos 4l in novice hurdle at Stratford (2m 110yd, good). ANOTHER FIDDLE decent male handicaper on Flat. Best recent effort when 3l 3rd of 15 to Toujours Riviera in Sandown (1m, good) handicap. DESERT CHALLENGER 5l 2nd of 9 to Wamdha in handicap hurdle at Huntingdon (2m 110yd, good). HILLSDOWN BOY 3l 2nd of 9 to Mr Genealogy in novice hurdle at Plumpton (2m 1f, good to firm). TICKERTY'S GIFT 3½l 2nd of 11 to Senior Steward in maiden hurdle at Newbury (2m 110yd, good). KEEL ROW 17½l 3rd of 12 to Sebastopol in Lingfield (AW, 2m) National Hunt Flat race on penultimate start.
Selection: TICKERTY'S GIFT

1.15 BRICKHURST HANDICAP CHASE (£2,872: 2m 5f) (8 runners)

201 4P212P- ROSITARY 245 (B,C,F,S) (P Winkworth) P Winkworth 11-11-10 ... C Maude 91
202 F46-PU3 SHASTON 13 (B,F,G,S) (Kavanagh Ltd) W G M Turner 9-11-9 ... R Dunwoody 95
203 1111PP- EDIMBOURG 254 (F,S) (Mrs I Winton) Miss H Knight 8-11-2 ... J Osborne –
204 110P0-0 THE GOLFING CURATE 18 (S) (C Poore) R Rowe 9-11-1 ... G McCourt 92
205 2P12-F2 THE WHIP 21 (D,G) (Mrs P Howell) D Grissell 7-10-13 ... Peter Hobbs 94
206 455-114 ASK THE GOVERNOR 16 (BF,F,G,S) G Balding 8-10-12 ... A P McCoy (5) –
207 1353-13 VICTORY ANTHEM 21 (D,F,G) (P Gray Ltd) P Clarke 8-10-12 ... I Lawrence 95
208 P6312-3 YOUNG ALFIE 11 (B,S) (J Panvert) J Panvert 9-10-8 ... A Maguire [illegible]

BETTING: 3-1 Edimbourg, 4-1 Ask The Governor, 5-1 Shaston, The Whip, 6-1 Young Alfie, 8-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

ROSITARY 10l 2nd of 4 to Betty Hayes in handicap chase here (3m 2f, good) on penultimate start. SHASTON 7½l 3rd of 6 to Mr Matt in handicap chase at Fontwell (3m 2f 110yd, soft).
EDIMBOURG useful handicap hurdler. Beat Northern Saddler 3l in 7-runner handicap hurdle at Sandown (2m 110yd, soft).
THE WHIP 1l 2nd of 14 to Ramallah in handicap hurdle at Plumpton (2m 4f, heavy). ASK THE GOVERNOR 15½l 4th of 8 to Elegant King in conditional jockeys handicap hurdle at Sandown (2m 6f, soft). VICTORY ANTHEM tailed off 3rd of 10 to Jim Valentine in handicap chase at Plumpton (2m 5f, heavy) with SHASTON in front when blundering and unseating 2 out. YOUNG ALFIE 35l 3rd of 5 to Duhallow Lodge in handicap chase at Towcester (2m 110yd, good to soft).
Selection: SHASTON

1.45 BRIDGE SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,960: 2m 6f 110yd) (16 runners)

301 1PPF/4P- DEVIL'S VALLEY 448 (G,S) (Miss J Cahalan) R Hoad 11-11-10 ... DOUBTFUL –
302 4530-P0 GEORGE BUCKINGHAM 10 (B,S) (Brockley Bloodstock) G Ham 9-11-0 B Powell 92
303 P0564-R CARFAX 6 (CD,G,S) (Mrs V Maunders) R Hoad 9-10-12 ... M Richards [illegible]
304 230PPP- EMERALD SUNSET 203 (G) (Mrs G Dawson) Mrs M Long 9-10-11 A P McCoy (5) 98
305 6/445P- CHEEKY FOX 231 (G) (G Dove) J White 8-10-8 ... J Railton 97
306 4310P-5 ROWLANDSONS GOLD 21 (S) (Rowlandsons Ltd) G L Moore 4-10-7 D Gallagher 93
307 24/004-4 CLOGHRAN LAD 19 (G,S) (R Boulden) Mrs H Parrott 7-10-7 ... S Curran (5) 97
308 043-320 INTERPLAY 21 (B,BF,G,S) (D Robinson) R O'Sullivan 9-10-6 ... D O'Sullivan 98
309 P5-P534 NOBLE INSIGHT 11 (F,G,S) (Miss L Lathe) T George 7-10-4 ... T Jenks (3) 85
310 /PP01F/ CHEVELEY DANCER 588 (S) (G Jackman) D Wilson 6-10-0 ... A Maguire –
311 3-42143 TIL FRIDAY 38 (G) (R Speight) M Ryan 4-10-0 ... J Ryan 94
312 FP6/1F- MOYNSHA HOUSE 223 (S) (P Byrne) B Curley 6-10-0 ... E Murphy 87
313 F6-4340 BRIGTINA 11 (G) (R Mites) J Bradley 6-10-0 ... R Farrant 81
314 6400-53 FLAPPING FREDA 10 (F Newberry) J Jenkins 6-10-0 ... J Osborne 87
315 50062-0 MANILA RUN 16 (D Armitage) A Foster 5-10-0 ... N Williamson 87
316 P06P- CELTIC LILLEY 205 (Miss J Reed) R Hoad 4-10-0 ... J R Kavanagh –

Long handicap: Cheveley Dancer 9-13, Til Friday 9-11, Moynsha House 9-10, Brigtina 9-6, Flapping Freda 9-6, Manila Run 9-6, Celtic Lilley 9-10

BETTING: 5-1 Moynsha House, 5-1 Rowlandsons Gold, Til Friday, 8-1 Noble Insight, Interplay, 10-1 Cheeky Fox, Cloghran Lad, 12-1 George Buckingham, 16-1 others

FORM FOCUS

CARFAX 8¾l 4th of 7 to Construction in handicap hurdle at Lingfield (AW, 2m, 4f) on penultimate start. CLOGHRAN LAD 17l 4th of 14 to Ivy House in conditional jockeys handicap hurdle at Haydock (2m 7f 110yd, good).
INTERPLAY 1½l 2nd of 6 to Uluru in handicap hurdle at Uttoxeter (3m 110yd, good to firm) on penultimate start. NOBLE INSIGHT 17l 4th of 16 to Love You Madly in claiming hurdle at Taunton (3m 110yd, good) with BRIGTINA (6lb better off) 11l 8th. TIL FRIDAY 1l 3rd of 6 to Precious Juno in handicap hurdle at Ludlow (2m 5f 110yd, firm). MOYNSHA HOUSE easily beat Milly Black 15l in 6-runner selling handicap hurdle at Fontwell (2m 3f, soft) on penultimate start.
Selection: INTERPLAY

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101 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 ... B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

2.15 BOUVERIE HANDICAP CHASE (£3,028: 3m 2f) (12 runners)

401 3226-62 COOL AND EASY 11 (B,G,S) (H Pelham) J Gifford 8-11-13 ... P Hide (3) 91
402 212328- GINGER TRISTAN 205 (G,S) (Mrs C Holley) D Grissell 8-11-12 ... A Tory 90
403 0/1UU03 DWADME 9 (D,F,S) (Sussex Renovations Ltd) R O'Sullivan 9-11-10 ... D O'Sullivan 91
404 01/R1P-4 BIANCONI 40 (G,S) (Saguaro Stables) N Gaselee 8-11-10 ... J Osborne [illegible]
405 3/268-12 OVER THE STREAM 13 (BF,F,G) (J Gordon) K Bailey 8-11-8 ... N Williamson 89
406 13404-0 PUNCH'S HOTEL 10 (D,S) (Mrs A Dawes) R Rowe 9-11-6 ... J A McCarthy (3) 87
407 115FP-B OPAL'S TENSPOT 11 (F,G,S) (Miss J Mailes) J Bradley 7-11-4 ... B Farrant 86
408 1PR031F- EARLY MAN 169 (D,F,S) (Mrs J Grist) D Grissell 7-11-2 ... Peter Hobbs 89
409 325214 MISTER FEATHERS 10 (F,G) (Mrs P King) J King 13-10-4 ... S Fox (5) 97
410 31-PP43 VICAR OF BRAY 10 (V,F) (The Cleric Partnership) G Balding 7-10-0 ... A Maguire 98
411 000/U3P EXPRESS TRAVEL 70 (M Low) R Curtis 6-10-0 ... D Morris 90
412 0644-20 ITS A SNIP 16 (B,G) (M Watt) C Mann 9-10-0 ... R Dunwoody –

Long handicap: Express Travel 9-10, Its A Snip 9-7.

BETTING: 4-1 Cool And Easy, 9-2 Dwadme, 5-1 Over The Stream, 6-1 Its A Snip, Vicar Of Bray, 7-1 Mister Feathers, 10-1 Ginger Tristan, 16-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

COOL AND EASY 7l 2nd of 9 to River Mandate in handicap chase at Towcester (2m 6f, good to soft). GINGER TRISTAN 13l 6th of 15 to Baracilla in handicap chase at Plumpton (3m 1f 110yd, firm) with PUNCH'S HOTEL (2lb better off) 38l 9th. DWADME 8¾l 3rd of 6 to Emerald Storm in handicap chase at Windsor (3m, good to soft). BIANCONI best effort to date when beating Young Miner 5l in 9-runner handicap chase at Nottingham (3m 3f 110yd, soft).
OVER THE STREAM in lead when unseating rider last, remounted and finished 30l 2nd of 7 to Dorobo in conditional jockeys handicap chase at Southwell (3m 110yd, good). EARLY MAN beat Dependable ½l in 12-runner novice chase at Fontwell (3m 2f 110yd, good to firm) on penultimate start. VICAR OF BRAY 8¾l 3rd of 8 to General Brandy in conditional jockeys handicap chase at Huntingdon (3m, good), with MISTER FEATHERS (1lb better off) 3l 4th and PUNCH'S HOTEL (same terms) tailed off 7th.
Selection: OVER THE STREAM

2.45 DAILY MAIL NOVICES CHASE (£4,752: 2m 5f) (10 runners)

501 3055/5 ANDITISITIS 21 (Mrs L Browning) D Browning 5-11-0 ... Peter Hobbs –
502 PPPP- CRAWFORDSTOWN 191P (D O'Brien) D O'Brien 14-11-0 ... Mr G Brown –
503 2 EVENING RIOT 17 (Dr J Hollowood) A Turnell 5-11-0 ... L Harvey 60
504 1240-52 FAST THOUGHTS 13 (F,G,S) (W Dore) D Gandolfo 7-11-0 ... R Dunwoody –
505 0202-P6 JOKER JACK 10 (F,S) (R Dean) R Dean 9-11-0 ... A Procter 78
506 424/466- MR INVADER 184 (M Boddington) N Gaselee 7-11-0 ... M A Fitzgerald 61
507 43221-2 SPUFFINGTON 16 (G) (J Clopet) J Gifford 6-11-0 ... P Hide [illegible]
508 0PP184- WOODLANDS BOY 175 (F) (S Moore) R Hoad 6-11-0 ... B Bradley 87
509 5/1P434 LADY BUNTING 19 (F) (H & S Laycock) Miss B Sanders 7-10-9 ... M Richards 78
510 0R40-F2 NO DEBT 18 (Mrs P Jubert) B Meehan 6-10-9 ... B Powell 86

BETTING: Evens Spuffington, 4-1 Evening Riot, Fast Thoughts, 8-1 No Debt, 12-1 Woodlands Boy, 14-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

EVENING RIOT 4l 2nd of 12 to Dark Oak in novice chase at Market Rasen (2m 4f, good). FAST THOUGHTS 1¾l 2nd of 7 to Damier Blanc in handicap hurdle at Fontwell (2m 6f, soft). SPUFFINGTON 2½l 2nd of 5 to Sound Reveille in novice chase at Sandown (2m, good to soft). WOODLANDS BOY best effort last season when beating Ile De Soo 1½l in 13-runner novice hurdle at Fontwell (2m 6f, good to firm). LADY BUNTING 31l 4th of 8 to Dexdee Prince in novice chase at Kempton (2m 4f 110yd, good to firm). NO DEBT 4l 2nd of 7 to Princess Hotpot in novice chase at Wincanton (2m, good).
Selection: SPUFFINGTON (nap)

3.15 BRENCHLEY NOVICES HURDLE (£1,622: 2m 6f 110yd) (11 runners)

601 546-5 BEAUREPAIRE 19 (Pell-mell Partners) R Alner 6-10-12 ... S Earle [illegible]
602 0/0P-00 BIG BAD WOLF 19 (J Driskall) B Pearce 6-10-12 ... R Powell 95
603 04P445/ CARABUCK 585 (M Sampson) R Rowe 7-10-12 ... E Murphy –
604 CUBALO (Mrs J Willment) R Phillips 4-10-12 ... J Railton –
605 000-5 DESMOND GOLD 11 (J Scanlon, J Toner) Mrs D Haine 6-10-12 D Bridgwater 96
606 2 DINNER AT EIGHT 13 (M Bevan) R O'Sullivan 4-10-12 ... D O'Sullivan 92
607 P/30000- FIRST COMMAND 270 (Dr K Bowen) S Bowen 7-10-12 ... P Carey (7) 96
608 P0F INCHYDONEY BOY 11 (J Poulton) J Poulton 5-10-12 ... J F Titley 83
609 RATHCANNON CARSHAL (P Houlton) P Butler 9-10-12 ... M A Fitzgerald –
610 623-260 THE WEATHERMAN 23 (Mrs G Jessop) A Jessop 6-10-12 ... R Bellamy 95
611 6P40-34 OLIMPET 13 (F Gray) F Gray 5-10-7 ... M Crosse 71

BETTING: 6-4 Desmond Gold, 9-4 Beaurepaire, 4-1 Dinner At Eight, 10-1 Cubalo, 12-1 The Weatherman, 16-1 Carabuck, First Command, Rathcannon Carshal, 20-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

BEAUREPAIRE 36½l 5th of 7 to Lucky Dollar in novice hurdle at Kempton (2m 5f, good to soft) with BIG BAD WOLF 22l 7th. CARABUCK 15½l 5th of 17 to Ginger Tristan in novice hurdle at Fontwell (2m 6f, good) in April 1993. DESMOND GOLD 11¼l 5th of 16 to Shining Light in novice hurdle at Towcester (2m, good to soft) with INCHYDONEY BOY fell 5th. DINNER AT EIGHT back 2nd of 11 to Walk in selling novice hurdle at Fontwell (2m 6f, soft) with OLIMPET 21l 4th. FIRST COMMAND 30l 13th of 24 to Kanndabil in claiming hurdle at Wincanton (2m, good to soft) on final start last season. THE WEATHERMAN best recent effort when 20l 2nd of 5 to Sir Norman Holt in novice hurdle at Plumpton (2m 4f, good to firm).
Selection: DINNER AT EIGHT

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%
A Turnell	3	12	25.0
D Grissell	9	42	21.4
T Thomson Jones	3	14	21.4
R Rowe	7	34	20.6
J Gifford	14	73	19.2
R Akehurst	4	21	19.0

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
M Richards	7	21	33.3
S McNeill	4	15	26.7
E Murphy	3	15	20.0
L Harvey	3	17	17.6
A Maguire	9	54	16.7
R Dunwoody	7	42	16.7

Lord Relic on course for Hennessy

LORD Relic remains on course for Saturday's Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup. The eight-year-old fell at the seventh fence in the First National Bank Gold Cup at Ascot yesterday.

His trainer, Martin Pipe, said yesterday: "We won't make a decision about the Hennessy until later but it looks good.

"Lord Relic didn't quite eat up last night and pulled out a bit stiff but he is under the solarium lights and having a massage. Richard Dunwoody said he just slipped on landing but he had jumped really well up until then."

Lord Relic is a 16-1 chance with William Hill for the Hennessy in which Pipe may also run Run For Free, Chatam and Errant Knight.

Hills have One Man as their 3-1 favourite for the big Newbury chase. They then bet: 9-2 Dubacilla, 8-1 Captain Dibble, 10-1 Country Member, 14-1 Black Humour, 16-1 Run For Free, 20-1 Cogent, Commercial Artist, Deep Bramble.

JUMPS LEADERS

TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Days since win	Level stakes
Mrs M Reveley	39	22	15	1	+16.28
M Pipe	39	19	20	3	-7.22
P Hobbs	36	34	21	3	-13.97
J White	33	25	19	1	-8.12
N Twiston-Davies	31	26	17	4	-5.46
K Bailey	27	25	10	1	+65.51
D Nicholson	25	13	11	1	+38.72
G Richards	21	12	15	1	+18.91
D Sherwood	16	8	7	1	-2.46
J J O'Neill	16	12	10	3	+7.78

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Losing sequence	Level stakes
R Dunwoody	62	42	44	0	-41.92
A Maguire	58	40	33	0	-48.23
N Williamson	45	39	29	4	+58.43
P Niven	35	23	20	0	-20.28
J Osborne	30	21	24	3	-45.29
D Bridgwater	30	16	20	5	+47.78
M Dwyer	29	32	16	2	+75.96
A Dobbin	27	18	19	0	-14.96
C Llewellyn	25	24	19	3	-14.70
Peter Hobbs	25	31	10	7	-31.29

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Delecour disqualified after driving wrong way on seventh stage of RAC Rally

McRae in charge after early exchanges



Oliver Holt watches Britain's top rally driver avoid controversy and problems on opening day

THE day that is supposed to be a happy promenade through the grounds of stately homes, a spectator-tailored taster for tougher trials ahead, turned into a day of reckoning at the start of the RAC rally yesterday. As misfortune and controversy swamped the leading contenders, only Colin McRae seemed able to rise above the deluge.

A moment's anxiety in a suburban cul-de-sac called Sugar Pit Lane, when the Scot missed a turn for the start of the second stage at Tatton Park, in Cheshire, was the closest he came to a scare. Pedestrians ran to his car and shouted directions through the window and the blue and yellow Subaru Impreza turned back on to the right track.

McRae, who would be the first British winner of the event for 18 years if he were to maintain his advantage until Wednesday afternoon, was quickest in two of the day's seven stages and shared the best time in a third. When the rally reached its overnight halt in Harrogate, he led his team-mate and nearest challenger, Carlos Sainz, by 11 seconds.

By then, though, McRae's dominance had been relegated to a sideshow as the duel for the championship between Sainz and the Frenchman, Didier Auriol, took two startling new twists. To end the day in style, François Delecour, the Ford driver, produced an impossibly quick time on the final stage to tie for the overall lead with McRae.

But he was swiftly disqualified by the clerk of the course, Malcolm Neill, when it was revealed marshals found him driving the wrong way down the stage after a spin had disorientated him and had then pointed him to the quickest route to the exit.

Delecour, who is still struggling to overcome the effects of a serious road car crash, was also at the centre of the main controversy of the day. There were suggestions that he had used his car to push Sainz's Subaru to a service point. Without his help, it was said, Sainz may not otherwise have been able to continue because of a damaged radiator sustained in the third stage at Chatsworth.

Ford team members were keen to protest about the help Sainz was said to have received until they realised who had provided the aid but Toyota, for whom Auriol drives, made several agitated calls to Neill. But they could not locate a marshal who had seen anything untoward and others testified that Sainz had left the exit of the stage under his own steam and had arrived at the service point unaided. Toyota did lodge any protest.

Auriol himself was later to suffer on the same stage. He led the Spaniard by 11 points, going in to this, the final event of the world championship, but a long delay yesterday has left him fighting an uphill battle to win his first title. He left the road during the Chatsworth stage, hit a rock and damaged his suspension and rear wheel. He went from third place to 89th place and lost more than four minutes to McRae.

Gradually, he improved his position, to 56th at the end of the fourth stage and 40th at the end of the day. But if Sainz forces McRae to yield to team orders and wins the rally, Auriol will have to finish in the top four to beat him.

Phil Short, of the Toyota team, did his best to mask the disappointment over Auriol's misfortune. "I am sure he can still come back into a good position and win the title," Short said.

Much of the chaos was caused by torrential rain that fell for most of the day. The drivers were waved on their way just after dawn by the mayor of Chester, draping a bedraggled union jack over each car as spectators took shelter in the timbered Rows. At each stage, standing water made it almost impossibly difficult for the drivers to control their cars.

McRae, who has led the rally at various stages for the last three years before being forced to retire either by mechanical failure or misfortune, managed it best. "I have had no problems today," he said. "It was better to be running nearer the front; the roads must have been very dirty down the order.

"I have been unlucky in recent RACs so this year I am determined to hang on in there. In a lot of ways today is the trickiest day of the rally because, for the rest of the event, you can prepare yourself mentally for the long difficult stages.

"These stages are put in to please the spectators but they can take away some of the best competition for later on in the event. You make your own luck but you can't win this rally without driving 100 per cent all the time. It's great to be leading on the first day but better still on the last day."

Another Briton to do well was Richard Burns, 23, from Reading, driving a Subaru Impreza, who was eighth after the first day, 1min 20sec behind the leader. Burns, with his co-driver, Robert Reid, finished seventh in last year's rally.

Ironically, Burns, who will hurl his car along the forest tracks of England, Wales and Scotland at breakneck speed, was warned by his examiner for being "a little too cautious" when he passed his driving test six years ago. "I was so desperate to keep my speed below 30mph," he said.

The last word, though, went to Sainz. "Now that Didier is further back," he said, "I really do have a chance. The pressure is on. I must go for the win to get the title."



Burns, of Britain, takes to the air during the Chatsworth stage of the RAC Rally yesterday. Photograph: Marc Aspland

Leading positions

After stages 1-7

1, C McRae and D Ringer (GB) Subaru Impreza 32min 44sec; 2, C Sainz and L Moya (Sp) Subaru Impreza 32.55; 3 J Kankkunen (Fin) and N Grist (GB) Toyota Celica 33.04; 4 B Thiry and S Prevot (Bel) Ford Escort 33.17; 5, M Wilson and B Thomas (GB) Ford Escort 33.18; 6, M Biasion and T Siviero (It) Ford Escort 33.29; 7, S Blomqvist and B Melander (Swe) Ford Escort 33.42; 8, R Burns and R Reid (GB) Subaru Impreza 34.04; 9, A Vatanen (Fin) and F Pons (It) Ford Escort 34.06; 10, S Hill and S Boyles (GB) Mitsubishi Galant 35.07.

Today's stages

Stages 8-15

Hamsterley (16.86 miles, from 07.04am); Shepherdshield (7.67 miles, 09.10am); Pundershaw (28.18 miles, 09.34am); Chirdonhead (10.58 miles, 11.13am), Wauchope (8.80 miles, 12.19pm); Kershope (19.56 miles, 13.01pm); Grizedale West (17.33 miles, 16.04pm); Grizedale East (4.85 miles, 16.43pm).

Longland to leave amateur cycling next year

BY PETER BRYAN

IN THE 24 years of his amateur racing career, Glenn Longland has established himself as Britain's most successful cycling all-rounder, embracing time trials, road racing, track and cyclo-cross.

He is the only rider to have covered more than 300 miles in 12 hours (average speed 25mph) and his record of winning national time-trial championships, at 50 and 100 miles and 12 and 24 hours, remains unbeaten. Longland's name is also in the record books for tandem and tricycle events.

Yet, at the age of 39, Longland yesterday further surprised the sport when he announced at his club's annual lunch and prize presentation in the New Forest that he would ride as a professional next year.

His sponsor is Mike Radford, an accountant with a large practice in the South of England who also backs Longland's club, the Antelope RT. Longland will be the oldest professional on the road next season but he faces a long wait to claim to be the oldest known in Britain. The late Reg Harris set that record when he came out of retirement to win the national professional sprint championship in 1974 at 54.

"My main aim for 1995 is to win the new series of 50 miles time trials which will form the basis of selection for the world championship event [won by Chris Boardman this year] and the Olympics," Longland said.

He acknowledges that selection for the 1996 Games is an optimistic target, especially as he will then qualify for a veteran's licence.

Road record attempts are also on his schedule. Earlier this year he improved by 33 minutes the 284 miles Land's End to London figures.

"There are a few place-to-place records, like Liverpool to London, that I want to attempt," Longland said.

Automotive orgy turns into an exhausting dirty weekend

Mel Webb applauds the value for money but deplores the noisy spectacle of the RAC Rally

Beware, for there are sporting fetishists about. They talk a language that only others of their kind understand and they get their kicks by wallowing about in seas of mud. They are the oily-fingered aficionados of motor rallying, and yesterday they started their annual orgy.

The field in the Network Q RAC Rally started leaving its base at Chester at 8am on the dot, and arrived at the first of 29 special stages at Carden Park, ten miles south-east of the city, precisely 31 minutes later. Waiting for the cars were thousands of rallying buffs who had each stumped up £6 to thrash around in acres of unrelieved mire the better to satisfy their automotive lusts.

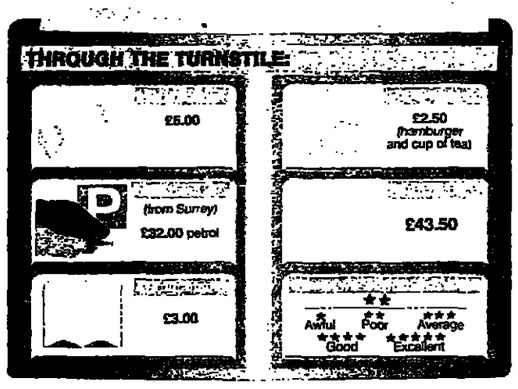
For the enthusiast, it was heady, heart-pounding stuff, and even for the mildly interested the affair had an indefinable attraction for a while. In the end, though, the spectacle of watching driver and machine in perfect, insane harmony began to pall.

The adrenalin rush became a canter, then a trot and finally ground to a halt. From that moment it was unrelieved, high-speed boredom. Once you have seen one tastelessly painted but obscenely swift four-wheeled missile hurtle past you have, frankly, seen them all.

And then there was the weather. It rained, and rained some more. If it had been 100 per cent better, it would still have been awful. If rallying was a civilised sport — as civilised as, for example, golf, cricket or biting the heads off hedgehogs — the organisers would have called it off. Sorry, folks, saturated fairways, waterlogged pitch, soggy hedgehogs. Rallying, it seems, is not rallying unless cars and spectators have to squelch through several different shades of gloop.

Rain and earth produces mud, and if it made the challenge facing the drivers that bit more interesting, for the don't-really-care onlooker it just increased the discomfort quotient. Some people might enjoy the sensation of being immersed in gunge up to the ankles and feeling the water drip relentlessly down the back of their necks. A personal response is: "Thanks, but no thanks". Give me the 19th hole any time.

It has to be said, however, that six quid represents pretty good value for money. The view from just about any point of the 2.61-mile stage was never less than good and was frequently excellent.



Large though the gallery was, there was no cause for anybody to complain of not being able to see a stage that wended its way along twisting asphalt roads and estate tracks to a high-speed finish.

Like its cousin, motor racing, rallying is a sport better suited to television if the aim is the simple one of merely wanting to see more of the action. What television cannot do is to give more than a passing notion of the skill of the drivers and the sight and sound of their brutally powerful machines as they tear past with an exhaust note like a giant ripping a Brobdingnagian piece of calico. For the cognoscenti, it was sheer, undiluted pleasure.

They might, however, have been less happy with the catering arrangements. The spectator information for the stage claimed that breakfast would be available. This, it has to be said, was world-class hyperbole.

Breakfast, it transpired, consisted of fast-food stalls dotted liberally around the course, and after a 3am departure from Surrey to get to the heart of Cheshire in time, a hamburger that tasted of clutch linings cooked in extra-virgin Duckhams 20/50 was nobody's idea of a treat, especially when washed down by a polystyrene cup of tea that bore the unmistakable bouquet of sweetened brake fluid.

Keeping the customers informed was a more successful operation. The man on the public address system was full of facts and made the broadcasting of them infinitely more interesting than the average John Motson football commentary. He also left us under no illusion as to who was employing him — he uttered the phrase "Network Q RAC Rally" 327 times as the field of 178 cars howled past. Not even the pathologically verbose Mottie would say "FA Carling Premiership" 327 times in one *Match of the Day*.

Motor rallying is a sport for the connoisseur, the sort who know the meaning of words such as "homologation" and can tell when a car is under control and when it is not. To the uninitiated the talk is mumbo-jumbo. And what of the finer points? Sorry, but one car that is apparently defying the laws of mechanics by going sideways and forwards at the same time ultimately looks much like another.

Hunting for Perfection~

Happy thought.~ I shall take full advantage of our host's convenient skylight (not to mention my *formidable abseiling* skills) to steal a march on the crowds and satisfy my thirst for the smooth, subtle taste of the famous ale.

Rueful thought.~ Alas, too late. They've drunk the barrel dry and I find myself rather at a loose end.



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Beerbaum feels benefit of foresight

FROM JENNY MACARTHUR IN BERLIN

LUDGER Beerbaum, of Germany, the Olympic show-jumping champion and winner of the 1993 World Cup, achieved a long-standing ambition when he and Sprehe Ratina comfortably won the Berlin Volvo World Cup qualifier here on Saturday.

Afterwards, Beerbaum, 31, who had been trying to win in Berlin for more than ten years, revealed that he had turned down an offer of £1.25 million for the 12-year-old former Holland team horse two months ago.

"I thought about it for some time," Beerbaum said, "but I decided it was more important to have a horse which could keep me at the top of the sport and, hopefully, take me to the Atlanta Olympics rather than have the money."

The decision has already paid dividends. In the past two months Ratina, who was sought after the Olympic Games in Barcelona — where she won the individual silver medal with Piet Raymakers, of Holland — has added more than £50,000 to Beerbaum's purse. The £17,000 car won on Saturday was the third in as many weeks.

The victory, in which Beerbaum relegated Eddie Macken, of Ireland, on Sky View, to second place, came after a six-horse jump-off. Drawn second, Beerbaum, the winner of the Stuttgart and Amsterdam grand prix this month, had the packed Deutschlandhalle roaring approval as he jumped the eight-fence course from increasingly acute angles to finish in 40.93 seconds.

Macken, based in Germany, produced a spirited challenge on the 12-year-old Sky View, by Clover Hill, to finish just inside the German's time but collected four faults at the second fence.



Beerbaum: jump-off

Michael Whitaker, the only Briton in the jump-off, also set off meaning business but lost his chance with a rare mistake at fence three. Midnight Madness was about to take off strides from the fence when he thought better of it, stopped abruptly — throwing the rider on to his neck — and then, with great agility, jumped almost from a standstill.

"I knew I couldn't catch Ludger after that," Whitaker said. Even so, he made a bold attempt, taking a flyer at the last, but paid the penalty with four faults. He finished in fourth place just behind Lars Nieberg, of Germany, on For Pleasure. Whitaker is now in joint sixth place with Geoff Billington in the European League.

John Whitaker, his older brother, is languishing in 39th place after he and Billington both narrowly missed the jump-off. John, on Grannusch, clipped fence two in an otherwise faultless round. Billington, who was fourth in Oslo, hit the first part of the combination.

John Popely, the only other Briton in the class, had a disappointing 12 faults.

The British riders fared even worse in the grand prix, the closing event of the show yesterday, which was won by the irrepressible Hugo Simon, on Apricot. None of the four reached the jump-off. John Whitaker had 12 faults on Grannusch and Michael Whitaker retired Midnight Madness after incurring eight faults. Popely and Billington also had eight faults each.

. Simon's win, which came after the fastest jump-off of the week, in which he relegated Franke Sloothaak, the world champion, to second place on San Patrignano Dorina, was his fourth in as many days and secured for the 52-year-old Austrian the award for leading rider of the show.

RESULT: Berlin Volvo World Cup qualifier: 1, Sprehe Ratina Z (L Beerbaum, Ger) 0 faults in 40.93sec; 2, FAN Sky View (E Macken, Ire) 4 in 40.72; 3, For Pleasure (L Nieberg, Ger) 4 in 41.57; 4, Everest Midnight Madness (M Whitaker, GB) 4 in 42.27. Placings in World Cup league: 1, L Beerbaum (Ger) 66pts; 2, H Sprunger (Switz) 41; 3, A Poltmann-Schuschorst (Ger) and J Lansink (Holl) 40. Volvo World Cup dressage, 1, Olympic Bonfire (A van Grunsven, Holl) 83.51; 2, Donnerhall (I Richben, Ger) 76.56; 3, Edinburg (K Kyrklund, Fin) 76.07. Grand Prix of Germany: 1, Apricot D (H Simon, Austria) 0 faults in 34.61; 2, San Patignano Dorina (F Sloothaak, Ger) 0 in 35.33; 3, Top Gun: La Silla (J Tops, Holl) 0 in 36.67; 4, Sprehe Gaylord (L Beerbaum, Ger) 0 in 36.76.

Thompson eases setback

BY A CORRESPONDENT

WHILE the members of the England squad prepared yesterday for the eighth men's hockey World Cup, which starts in Sydney on Wednesday, the national league teammates they left behind contested the penultimate round of the first division league cup.

Rob Thompson, the Hounslow captain, drew consolation for missing out on selection for the England squad when his team won 3-0 to qualify from pool C, at the expense of Old Loughtonians, who are to stage the finals at Chigwell on December 4.

Ranveer Virdi and Stephen Hankins, who have been deputising ably for the Hounslow players in Australia for the World Cup, scored from a fourth-minute penalty corner and an open-play goal after 31 minutes respectively, while David Main, previously at Hull, completed the scoring with a 54th minute penalty corner.

In contrast, another player who missed England selection, Andy Humphrey, had no consolation, his Hull team finishing fourth and last in pool A after a 4-3 reverse at Bournville. A penalty corner from a former international player, Imran Sherwani, on the stroke of half-time, set Stourport on the way to qualification for the finals with a 3-0 win over Cannock, their Midlands rivals, who were missing two England players.

The two other groups, each containing five sides, are yet to be settled. In pool D, Reading scored a 5-1 victory at Firebrands, who have yet to take a point. Reading will fight for qualification against Havant, 3-0 winners over their south-coast neighbours, Trojans, thanks to a hat-trick of penalty corners in eight minutes from Callum Giles, another player on the fringe of England recognition.

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In pool B, Surbiton took advantage of Teddington missing three World Cup players to win 3-1, all the goals coming in the second half. But Canterbury, 5-3 winners at home to Guildford after seeing their 4-0 lead whittled away, remain better positioned to advance, thanks to superior goal difference.

In the second division of the national league, three teams are level at the top after Harleston Magpies' 3-0 home victory over the previously unbeaten St Albans. Barford Tigers joined those two clubs on 13 points by winning 4-1 at home to Brooklands. Crostyx notched their first national league victory with a 3-1 success at home against Cambridge City.

☐ Australia, the favourites to win the World Cup, completed their preparations with a 2-0 victory over India in Sydney on Saturday. Frank Murray, the Australia coach, said he was pleased with the performance of Paul Gaudoin, 19, who has recovered from injury to stake a claim for a half-back place.

Argentina, who play in the pool with England and Australia, beat New Zealand 3-1 in the third and final international in Auckland yesterday, to draw some consolation from a lost series. New Zealand had won the second match 4-1 on Saturday. Twelve teams are taking part in the World Cup, and England open against Spain on Wednesday.

Christie's game plan prevails as errors and inspiration proliferate in one-sided international

Scotland buckle under onslaught from South Africa



David Hands says the touring team's 34-10 victory was a reward for tactical astuteness

SCOTLAND gave Kitch Christie his education. At Murrayfield on Saturday, Christie, once of Leith Academy and now coach to South Africa's national rugby union side, paid back his mentors by producing a tactical plan that came close to inflicting utter humiliation on the Scots, and which screams a warning to Wales next Saturday.

For the first of the tour's internationals, and only his third since he took over in August, Christie changed the emphases in masterful manner. It helps, of course, that he has so close an understanding with his provincial captain, Francois Pienaar, like an angler, was able to play the Scottish salmon before, with a deluge of 27 points in 18 minutes, yanking him out of the stream and into the keep net, where only a convulsive wriggle near the end showed that some life remained.

That Scotland contributed towards their own downfall is neither here nor there. Even the pride in their refurbished stadium and the support of a 63,500 crowd could not affect the collective will and power that South Africa, playing in Edinburgh for the first time in 25 years, were able to impose in victory by three goals, two tries and a penalty goal to a goal and a penalty.

Christie had sufficient faith in Schutte, the new cap, to use the middle of the lineout at will when Scotland might have expected Andrews to be the constant target. But even his planned use of the blind side, of set pieces and in the loose, could not encompass the gift gobbled up by van der Westhuizen that cracked the Scottish façade just before half-time.

Yet it takes an exceptional player to know his time when it comes. The South Africa scrum half was ready to feed his back division on the open side when the scrum, close to touch, wheeled slightly, and he saw the daylight left as Patterson, Stanger and, fatally, McIvor drifted to cover the expected movement. "Rugby is the kind of game where you wait for a gap and, if it's there, you take it," van der Westhuizen said.

He was out of his blocks and down the narrow corridor so quickly that not a hand was laid on him, the kind of set-piece try so seldom seen nowadays. Gavin Hastings lamented the missed tackles that allowed the South Africans "soft" tries, but let us remember, too, the speed and strength possessed by these visitors which, on a mild day made for running rugby, wove a magical pattern around the hapless Scots.

There were other, more fundamental, Scottish mistakes: the inability to find touch or to make ten metres at restarts is unforgivable at first-class level, while on eight occasions Scots were either robbed of, or lost control of, the ball in the tackle. The latter allowed the South Africans to indulge their penchant for swift counter-attack; the former led directly to van der Westhuizen's second try, when Chalmers's poor kick that began the second half conceded the initiative just when the Scots had to grab it back.

Even then there was careful South African construction, the telling use of Joubert's



Stanger: consolation try

kicking, the establishment of second phase by the half backs and back row. The pleasure derived from seeing the game's basic skills performed so well, so that the powerful running of Straeuli or the shrewd understanding between Joubert and Williams could exploit Scottish neuroses to such a degree that Straeuli was able to run on and on for his side's fourth try while the defence stood off, wondering what might happen next.

Joubert's gifts, as runner and lengthy kicker, were never better utilised but, like so many southern hemisphere teams, South Africa ran the angles far better than any home union. Once British sides take up an offensive line they tend not to change; the South Africans shrugged off any disruption to their set-piece game and ran into space, with fluent changes of direction and inevitable support from their flankers.

"If we didn't have space, the back row took the ball in and made some," Pienaar said, and Christie was able to regret that the backs had not taken full advantage in the second half. Two more tries at least went begging, which would have permitted the South Africans to equal, or surpass, the 44-point total their 1951 predecessors inflicted on Scotland. The only surprise was that their cast-iron tackling relaxed near the end for Stanger to score his sixteenth international try.

It left Scotland with some shred of respectability. "I was pleased we came back in the final quarter but if we don't make the tackles we can't blame the coaches, we can only blame ourselves," Hastings said. Logan, on the left wing, played with all the confidence of a man whose club is challenging for honours while Patterson came through a difficult baptism well.

But Scotland depended on individual bursts, with none of the cohesion evident from a team enjoying the benefits of touring together. A metaphor for the match could be gathered when Scott Hastings, on the charge, was upended by Williams — the smallest man in the South Africa side — and dispossessed. In other days, the Hastings brothers and Chalmers have been the inspiring flowers of Scotland; here they looked ordinary, bloom-withered.

SCORERS: Scotland: Try: Stanger. Conversion: G Hastings. Penalty goal: G Hastings. South Africa: Tries: van der Westhuizen (2), Williams, Straeuli, Mulder. Conversions: Joubert (3). Penalty goal: Joubert.

SCOTLAND: A G Hastings (Watsonians, captain); A G Stanger (Hawick), S Hastings (Watsonians), A G Shiel (Melrose), K M Logan (Stirling County); C M Chalmers (Melrose), D W Patterson (West Hartlepool); A V Sharp (Bristol), K S Milne (Heriot's FP), A P Burnell (London Scottish), D J McIvor (Edinburgh Academicals), J F Richardson (Edinburgh Academicals), A I Reed (Bath), I R Morrison (London Scottish), G W Weir (Melrose).

SOUTH AFRICA: A J Joubert (Natal); P Hendriks (Transvaal), P G Muller (Natal), J C Mulder (Transvaal), C M Williams (Western Province); H P le Roux (Transvaal), J H van der Westhuizen (Northern Transvaal); J P du Randt (Orange Free State), U L Schmidt (Transvaal), T G Laubscher (Western Province), J F Pienaar (Transvaal, captain), M G Andrews (Natal), P W Schutte (Transvaal), R J Kruger (Northern Transvaal), R A W Straeuli (Transvaal).

Referee: O E Doyle (Ireland).



DAVID JONES

Van der Westhuizen ignores the attentions of Chalmers, the Scotland stand-off half, to launch another South Africa attack at Murrayfield

Time for Hastings to be the retiring type

John Hopkins believes the Scotland captain would best serve his country by ending his international career

If a politician has little feel for the moment to retire, then what chance has a sportsman? Margaret Thatcher will take to her grave the feeling that she was hurtled out of office too soon. Is there any hope for Gavin Hastings, who should retire from international rugby forthwith?

Few who left Murrayfield in the gathering dusk on Saturday will feel as I do. He is an icon in Scotland, yet he should stop now, before the start of the five nations' championship and long before the World Cup, so that his country can be led in South Africa next April and May by a man assured of his place on form and a man who is in his twenties, not his thirties. Such a man could lead Scotland towards the millennium and help them to regain a position among the leading six nations in the world to which they aspire.

There is no time to waste. Against South Africa, Hastings looked accident-prone and wobbly. He was never greased lightning in rugby boots and the years have not added wings to his feet. There were signs of frailty, hardly surprising in a 32-year-old. I fear that Scotland's long campaign that aims, at its end, for a stout performance in the World Cup will be one step too far for Hastings, and probably Douglas Morgan, the Scotland coach, and Douglas Patterson, the Scotland manager, too.

There could be no better time for Hastings to quit. With his jutting jaw, his physical courage and his qualities of leadership he represents his country's craggy rugby every bit as much as the famous ground that lies between a railway line and an ice-rink in a suburb of Edinburgh that has earned its own definable place in the world of rugby. Hastings was sometimes unpredictable, quirky, nerve-racking. So was the stadium. From some seats, you could not see the pitch properly.

On Saturday, the Princess Royal opened the rebuilt, £45-million Murrayfield, a stadium that the Scots believe is the best in Europe. Past internationals were invited out onto its spongy turf to be presented to the crowd. Gordon Brown was there in his kilt and sporran and skeandhu, Sandy Carmichael on crutches, Rodger Arneil and Andy Irvine, too.

This was the symbiosis of old Scotland and new Murrayfield. Hastings, who is on a three-month secondment to the Scottish Rugby Union (SRU) to sell debenture seats for the stadium, represents the rock of old Scotland. He is no longer able to fulfil the same role in the new Murrayfield. The King is dead. Long live the King.

"We are very conscious that we have got to set the benchmark for Scottish performances for evermore at this new stadium," Hastings said on the eve of the game. "We had a long run without defeat and every team came to regard Murrayfield as something of a fortress. We need to get back to that."

That this did not happen, that Hastings's Scotland succumbed to their ninth consecutive game without victory in less than two years, was due, in part, to an inspired performance by Joost van der Westhuizen. There is an irony here. South Africa, the country that produced, in Tommy Gentles, one of the smallest scrum halves to play international rugby, is now being represented on this tour by one of the biggest. He is 6ft 1in, as tall as Terry Holmes, the Welshman, though less powerful.

Van der Westhuizen, no higher than third-choice scrum half in his country a few months ago, is at the start of a long career. Hastings is at the end of his. It does not matter that he has been confirmed by the SRU as his country's captain through to and including the World Cup. That appointment was dependent on him maintaining form.

Were – Hastings to leave the game at this level, he need no more face the questioning from journalists after games that he clearly finds so tiresome. His mood, an hour after this defeat, was curt, verging on the sullen. It seemed unnecessarily sour, the mark of someone who has had enough.

So farewell, Gavin. In more than 50 games for your country and your captaining of the British Isles, you did us proud. Stop now, this minute. Let us remember you in your pomp, as a bold and inspiring leader, and not as man who went on too long.

Rowell's open question unanswered

South and S West 18
London and S East 23

BY BARRY TROWBRIDGE

IN WHAT was, effectively, a "final" to the CIS Insurance divisional championship last season, these sides met at Twickenham on January 3, and, in front of some 7,000 spectators, exchanged the advantage eight times before the South and South West prevailed 25-17. On a dry, cool day, it was, by all accounts, the type of game worthy of the occasion.

At the Memorial Ground on Saturday, it drizzled — except when it rained — and for those who are accustomed to the gloom that such conditions bring to Bristol, little more needs to be said. With seven players from the hosts in the South West side and nine from Wasps representing London, there was every reason to expect a plethora of free-flowing plays, but by half-time it was obvious that those who had stayed in front of the television to watch South Africa trounce Scotland had made the right decision.

Cohesion in the centre was virtually non-existent, handling in general was poor,

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and, in Audley Lumsden, the South West fielded a player who illustrated perfectly how life in the "stiffs" at the Recreation Ground, Bath, can blunt a man's edge.

On a day purpose built for reputations to be enhanced, Jack Rowell, the England manager, will have learnt little, except that he will probably receive even more telephone calls from Derek Eves's admirers — something he was hoping, perhaps, to avoid by asking Steve Ojomoh to take the open-side shirt for the South West.

Rowell will undoubtedly cast an even more attentive eye on the exploits, at Saracens, of Richard Hill and Anthony Diprose, while Lawrence Dallaglio, with a turn of pace best shown when he scored a try from halfway two minutes after the break, made a timely impression as England are searching for somebody to fill the boots, at open side, of Peter Winterbottom. That try, like the two by Hill for the South West and Steve Bates's effort for London, typified an error-strewn match.

Rob Kitchin, the captain and scrum half of the South West, whose pass Dallaglio intercepted, was not happy after the final whistle. "I am very disappointed, not just with the team, but personally as well, because of the pass I gave for the interception," he said. "It was a split-second decision and I got it wrong."

Given when the try was scored, Kitchin's response is not justified. Defeat was not his fault and the South West had plenty of time to turn things round. In the lineouts, the London back five deprived them of possession; without it, in the Bristol mire, they were out-gunned.

SCORERS: South and South West: Tries: Hill (2). Conversion: Tainton. Penalty goals: Tainton (2).
London and South East: Tries: Bates, Dallaglio. Conversions: Gregory (2). Penalty goals: Gregory (3).
SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST: A Lumsden (Bath); N Beal (Northampton), M Denney (Bristol), S Morris (Gloucester), P Hotford (Gloucester); M Tainton (Bristol), R Kitchin (Harlequins, captain); C Clark (Bath), M Regan (Bristol), D Hinkins (Bristol), R Armstrong (Bristol), D Sims (Gloucester), A Blackmore (Bristol), D Eves (Bristol), R Hill (Saracens) I Patten (Bristol) temporary replacement for Armstrong.
LONDON AND SOUTH EAST: (Wasps unless stated): A Tunningley (Saracens); J Kayler (Harlequins), G Childs, N Greenwood, D O'Leary (Harlequins); G Gregory, S Bates (captain), D Molloy, G Botterman (Saracens), I Dunston, C Wilkins, A Diprose (Saracens), S Shaw (Bristol), L Dallaglio, D Ryan.
Referee: S Piercy (Yorkshire)

Midlands capitalise on mistakes

North Division 10
Midland Division 12

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

VICTORY for least persistence by the Midland Division on a ground where people once hung from trees to see the North triumph against New Zealand and Australia was appropriate to a shockingly bad match in an utterly devalued competition. Like the trees at Otley on Saturday, the entertainment was bare.

A scrapping, spoiling win, at the expense of opponents without the wit or the apparent capacity to convert vastly superior possession, was a depressing enough spectacle. In the harvest for talent, John Elliott, the one England selector unfortunate to be present, found the crop to be blighted — with the odd exception.

The fact that Gary Rees was one of these pinpointed the plight. Starlets do not come at 34 years old with an international career firmly in their past. Rees was the linchpin of the smothering forward play to which the North submitted without any game plan of their own, unless incessant turnover of the ball was part of some elaborate deception.

Against the 2-1 advantage secured for the North by Baldwin, Fowler and Watson at the tail, the Midlands gave up bothering, in the knowledge that the home side would hand them possession on a plate anyway.

Even the most hardened loyalists of the divisional championship, and there were few of those gathered at Cross Green, winced at the fresh peaks of ineptitude conquered. Rather than a lingering death, such matches might consign the competition to history somewhat more speedily, its useful life having long since expired.

What drama had taken place in the North's hotel the previous evening, with the signing by Harlequins of the West Hartlepool forward pair, Watson and Mitchell. For the Cleveland club it is a bitter double whammy. Watson, 29, said: "Harlequins have offered me the chance of a job. My wife comes from London, so that's another reason for moving. I'd made my decision to leave earlier this season when I was dropped. I've told the club I will play as many games as they want me to before the move." Both players face a 120-day qualification period.

In the raging against the professional light, the three weeks of divisional matches have that antiquated feel, a nonsense that even fails to engage the heart. "Whatever you call yourselves, could you run it once, please?" the North were implored by one frustrated soul.

Greenwood's place-kicking left a lot to be desired, but his direct interventions from full back provided the infrequent sparkle in a desperately ponderous North back line. Ryan, too, showed the occasional neat touch, as did Angell, also drafted in late, at stand-off half for the Midlands, whose fourth successful penalty goal in the 75th minute sealed a triumph for minimal attacking effort.

SCORERS: North: Try: Vyvyan. Conversion: Scully. Penalty goal: Greenwood.
Midlands: Penalty goals: Angell (4)
NORTH: W Greenwood (Harlequins); J Sleightholme (Bath), P Johnson (Orrell), S Ravenscroft (Saracens), A Healey (Orrell); N Ryan (Waterloo), D Scully (Wakefield); P Smith (Sale), S Mitchell (West Hartlepool), A Smith (Sale), C Vyvyan (Sale), D Baldwin (Sale), J Fowler (Sale), P Manley (Orrell), M Watson (West Hartlepool). Scully temporarily replaced by J Mallinder (Sale, 54-71min)
MIDLANDS: M Mapletoft (Gloucester); S Hackney (Leicester), S Potter (Leicester), D Edwards (Leicester), H Thomaycroft (Northampton); R Angell (Coventry), A Kardooni (Leicester); R Hardwick (Coventry), R Cockerill (Leicester), D Garforth (Leicester), G Tweed (Leicester), R West (Gloucester), J Phillips (Northampton), G Rees (Nottingham), I Skingsley (Bedford). Mapletoft replaced by A Kerr (Moseley, 40).
Referee: J Bacigalupo (Scotland).

Romania look beyond gathering of elite to life of equality



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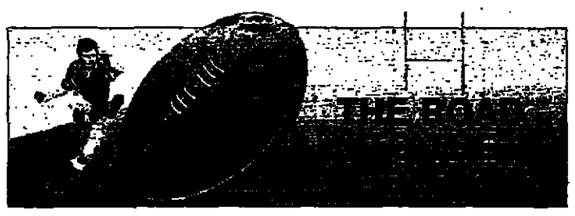
BY VIOREL MORARU

Romania's heavy defeat at Twickenham nine days ago was the first opportunity for many of our younger players to appreciate how high are the standards of the world leaders. That was part of the reason for their selection and their education will continue when they take part in the World Cup next year — even in the so-called "group of death".

Romania had hoped to do better in the European seeding tournament, to have avoided playing alongside South Africa, Australia and Canada in pool A in Cape Town. Defeats by Wales and Italy, however, left us with the hardest task of all, but we have to be positive. It was important for Romania to be among the world's best in South Africa because, if we had not reached the finals, it would have been taken as a sign of decline.

Romanian players have taken great pride from achieving their place among the top 12 in the world, based on their results in the 1987 World Cup and that of 1991, when, on each occasion, they were placed third in their pool. They have done so from a small playing base, no more than 7,000, but there is a strong tradition that goes back through a league structure some 70 years old.

But, accepting that football is the most popular sport in the country, it is vital that our rugby remains on the world stage. The World Cup creates good publicity, a good image for the game that will help to attract support that the state no longer offers. Under the former political regime, sport in



Romania received assistance because it was a good advertisement for the country. Now, we have to make our own way.

The Romanian federation is looking for sponsors, from within the country and from trading partners outside, notably France and Britain. The World Cup is an attractive bait for potential sponsors, as is the World Cup for under-19s, involving more than 26 countries, which will be staged in Bucharest next April.

By running such a tournament, Romania can show that it is part of the worldwide family of rugby. It will also be a breeding ground for our own players. There is a belief in Romania that, once our players decide to play club rugby away from home — mainly in France — they do not have the same interest in the national side. Only one France-based player came to England with us, and many people feel that Romania should imitate Argentina, who do not select those players who leave to compete in Italy.

The Romania management felt that it would not help the future of the game by going to South Africa with an old side with players who would end their careers once the World Cup was over. The ability of the younger team that will go is not markedly less, and the players will benefit from the experience and will go on to be the backbone of the side in the future. At Twickenham, we fielded a young pack and a new stand-off half in Ilie Ivanciuc, who we think is better than Neculai Nichitean; more versatile, more intelligent.

Romania's playing season breaks at the end of this month because of the severe winter weather, but in February we hope to send a development side to England for two matches, the seniors play France on April 8 and two weeks later we play Scotland at Murrayfield.

By the time Romania leave for South Africa, we hope that we will be ready to give Australia and South Africa a hard game and that we can beat Canada. Why not? Our objective is to be competitive and to play good rugby, and we are optimistic that when we return, the sponsorship structure we are putting in place will help the players to compete with the rest of the world on a more equal footing.

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John Goodbody gathers more advice from those who have savoured the taste of victory in the London Marathon

You can make it in the long run

SPORT FOR ALL

In the 14 years of the London Marathon there have been several renowned races and several renowned winners. However, few have entranced the public more than the duel in 1985 between Steve Jones, of Wales, and Charlie Spedding, of England.

The previous year Jones set a world record in winning the Chicago Marathon, while Spedding had finished third in the Olympic Games. The pair were alongside each other four miles from the finish and, although Jones had stopped at the Tower of London for perhaps the shortest and most publicised call of nature in the history of athletics, he broke away from Spedding near Blackfriars. Jones went on to victory in 2hr 8min 16sec, still the fastest time recorded in the event.

Note that word "fast", because Jones emphasises the importance of pace for marathon runners whatever their standard. Now aged 39 and living in Boulder, Colorado, he is preparing to begin racing on the over-40s circuit of American road races. Prize money is attractive and Jones remains a figure of distinction, having won the Chicago Marathon twice.

He says: "Running a marathon is not only a matter of piling on the miles. Training faster is going to help you. You also need sustained pace for the marathon."

Jones moved up to the marathon after finishing eighth in the 10,000 metres at the Los Angeles Olympics. His one regret in track athletics is having to race against athletes such as Martti Vainio, who was later found positive for using drugs. "You wonder how well you would have done otherwise."

Because of his background of fast running, the pace of the marathon seemed slow to him when he moved up the distances. His favourite session in preparing for the marathon was either the fartlek (speed-play session), which we described last month, or an interval session. This involves warming up thoroughly and then doing a series of sustained fast runs interspersed with a gentle jog. Jones used to begin with 4 x 5 minutes fast running (about a mile) with a 2.5 minute recovery.

Over the months, as the marathon got closer, he increased the length and intensity of the session and built up to 6 x 5 minutes with a 90 seconds recovery. "You should be really tired after a session like this," he says. "If not, you're either very fit or you haven't trained hard enough."

Less talented runners than Jones can still use this session, perhaps beginning with 3 x 6 minutes of fast running with a recovery jog of 2.5 minutes between each one. We will build up the severity of this session over the winter.

You can either carry a digital watch with an alarm set to go off after six minutes, or you can measure approximately how far six minutes running will take you on the roads, on a path or on a track.

When Jones first started using this work-out he trained with other runners but when his job with the RAF moved him back to Wales he ran by himself. "It is nice to have a group of other runners. You can feed off each other. It needs more concentration if you're alone."

Jones's self-discipline is famous. At the 1986 European championships he ran the first half at a pace that would have broken the world marathon record, but he did not drink water during the event. He was still determined to end the race — finally finishing 20th.

As he crossed the line he suddenly heard the British national anthem playing for an earlier success. Jones stood to attention just beyond the finish line until the music ended before allowing the medical attendants to help him away.



Jones: a London winner

CHRIS HARRIS



Tanni Grey, Paralympic and London Marathon champion, says that when training on the roads, she tries to get a "draught" from big lorries "to help me on my way"

Where there's a wheel

Tanni Grey is to female wheelchair racing what Daley Thompson was to men's athletics. Not only did she win the 1994 NutraSweet London Marathon in 2 hours 8 minutes and 6 seconds — faster than the first male runner home — but she won four gold medals at the 1992 Paralympics in Barcelona in distances ranging from 100 to 800 metres.

Ms Grey is patron of the Leonard Cheshire Foundation team for the 1995 marathon. Despite suffering from congenital spina bifida, she has an athletic versatility that brings her success in a wide range of activities. Behind her victories is an intensity of training of which many able-bodied competitors would be proud. Round the roads this winter near her home in Cardiff, Tanni is out training, a 6ft flag flying on the back of her chair.

"Although you have to be careful in traffic, I'm used to most situations. Cars are used to me and I have never experienced any problems with motorists.

"It can get exciting. I get a buzz from the big lorries as they go past me. I try to get a 'draught' from them to help me on my way."

She covers up to 90 miles a week, usually in longer sessions than runners, with 10 miles being her shortest outing. Where she differs from marathon runners is in the amount of weight training she does, which is often as much as three sessions a week. She specifically aims at developing her triceps, which are under great strain when she rotates the wheels.

So devoted is she to weight training that when she went into hospital last year after upsetting a cup of coffee on her lap, she took in her dumbbells so that she could keep exercising while she waited for her wounds to heal.

Tanni, who has a degree in politics from Loughborough University and is doing an MA in sports studies, trains on the track for her speed work, often alongside male runners. "It is very good for me. Pushing away beside them makes me aim for greater speed and endurance than I would if I trained alone."

THE THIRD MONTH OF TRAINING

THIS schedule will take you through to the new year. Try, if possible, to have the rest day either side of the weekly long run.

Week one: one 40-minute run; two 50-minute runs; one 45-minute fartlek; one 75-min run; two rest days.

Week two: one 45-minute run; two 50-minute runs; one interval session of a steady 15-minute warm-up followed by 3 x 6 minutes of paced running interspersed with 2½ minutes' jogging; then a 15-minute walk-down; one 80-minute run; two rest days.

Week three: one 45-minute run; two 55-minute runs; one 45-minute fartlek; one 85-minute run; two rest days.

Week four: one 50-minute run; two 55-minute runs; one interval session exactly the same as week 2; one 90-minute run; two rest days.

Week five: one 50-minute run; two one-hour runs; one 45-minute fartlek; one 95-minute run; two rest days.

Week six: one 50-minute run; two one-hour runs; one interval session exactly the same as weeks two and four; one 100-minute run; two rest days.

● *Runners in west London can join a marathon build-up every Tuesday from the sports centre in Walmer Road, W11. Details from Chris Bailey (Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea) on 071-221 3749.*

Eager Hampshire thrive

Hampshire 40
Oxfordshire 15

BY JACK BAILEY

HAMPSHIRE have high ambitions, at least within the realms of pool three of the Southern section of the CIS county championship.

Their victory over Oxfordshire by the handsome margin of a goal, three tries and six penalties to a goal, a try and a penalty might be seen as a useful step towards fulfilling their aspirations.

Not, however, in the eyes of Ray White, chairman of the Hampshire selectors. "We were too loose," he said. "We let them into the game when they had no right to be there by giving them the ball unnecessarily."

The truth of his comment was undeniable, but their shortcomings did result in a highly entertaining afternoon at the United Services ground, and the occasional spirited sortie by Oxfordshire did little to detract from Hampshire's superiority in all phases of the game.

● Rugby of the highest order it was not, but careless moments bring excitement and there was plenty of both. At least all 30 players (and four replacements) had an opportunity to show their paces. The Hampshire forwards, almost entirely from Havant and Basingstoke, dominated the set pieces and won enough ball from all phases to give the Richmond pairing of Short and Livesey the freedom of Portsmouth.

Martin Livesey, now with Portsmouth, was a dominant figure. Apart from kicking all six penalties and a conversion, he made several telling openings by selling convincing dummies to willing buyers and generally displayed the poise of one commanding the field. There was a moment, though, when all went wrong.

Both Livesey and his opposite number, Tapper, used the "miss-out pass" too often for the comfort of the inside centre, who rarely saw the ball as it was whipped past him, and too predictably to contain any element of surprise.

So it was that with half-time beckoning and Hampshire 18-0 ahead, Livesey's dummy and long pass was intercepted at full tilt by Chris Murray on his 25-yard line and Oxford were briefly brought back into the game by Murray's long unopposed run and Tapper's conversion of his try.

Livesey redressed matters with a couple of penalties before the interval and kicked two more soon after to leave Hampshire too comfortable a cushion for Oxfordshire to get anywhere near unseating them.

The visitors did score twice more, Bill James being rewarded for an afternoon's yeoman service by crashing over for a try after Tapper had decreased the deficit with a penalty.

Hampshire, however, always had the game well in hand. Their breakaways combined beautifully before Bates sent in Steve Boydell. A heel against the head, illustrative of their edge in the tight, saw Jason Ford cross for the final score.

Then it was time for Mr White's inquest. "There may well be one or two changes for the next encounter," he said ominously.

SCORERS: Hampshire: Tries: Harrison, Roberts, Boydell, Ford. Conversion: Livesey. Penalties: Livesey (6). Oxfordshire: Tries: Murray, James. Conversion: Tapper. Penalty: Tapper

HAMPSHIRE: R Ashworth; J Bates, S Boydell, R Roberts, A Pinnock; M Livesey, B Short; D Rees, I Lillington, J Ford, R Ward, H Harrison, P Hawkins, N Roach, W Knight.

OXFORDSHIRE: R Vassey; A Iacono, C Murray, N Hill, G Reeyer, A Tapper, B Davidson; R Rhymes, R John, S Stevenson, G Warrington, W James, R Redman, S Wylder, S Short.

Referee: R Meerloo (London)

Yorkshire, the county champions, must beat Lancashire at Otley next weekend to keep alive their hopes of *retaining the title*. They crashed 30-14 at Tynedale to a Northumberland team inspired by the veteran stand-off half, David Johnson, while unbeaten Lancashire demolished Durham 48-3.

Lessons still to be learnt

Swansea 19
Neath 27

BY A CORRESPONDENT

FEAR is threatening to throttle the life out of Welsh rugby's traditional strengths: the flair, innovation and initiative characterised by such champions as J. P. R. Williams, Barry John and Gareth Edwards.

It is the worst-kept secret in international rugby that Wales cannot match the height and power of the forwards from other leading nations. Witness the painful lessons handed out recently by New Zealand, Australia, England, Canada, Western Samoa and South Africa.

But the way around that — reverting to traditional Welsh cunning — needs to be practised week in, week out by leading players in the domestic game. It cannot simply be turned on at international level by the sight of another monstrous pack. Sadly, the evidence of the domestic game points to survival rather than progression towards a game to bewitch international opponents; it points to not looking beyond Wales's backyard. Fear of losing prevails.

Bob Dwyer, the coach of the world champions, Australia, is scathing of the "kick-and-clap" approach to rugby, in which risks are eliminated and putting boot to ball is seen as the course to victory.

Dwyer would have had a field day gathering ammunition for his arguments at St Helens, where Swansea and Neath, who between them have won the Heineken League championship three times in the past four years, produced a classic kick-and-clap spectacle. The desire to secure league points seemingly smothered any chance of employing the running game.

Swansea, the champions, have gone into their shell since the South Africans trounced them two weeks ago. The defeat by Neath on Saturday was Swansea's first at home in the league since April 1993. Now, with the season less than half-completed, they are all but out of contention to repeat their success of last season. Tony Clement, the Swansea captain, said: "Perhaps we have lost our way a bit, and it would be silly to suggest that this defeat isn't a huge setback for us. We appreciate that being six points behind Cardiff means we are not in the healthiest opposition, but we will keep plugging away."

Neath were hungrier for victory, though, being only their second in eight matches, it could not lift them beyond mid-table. That they at least managed to halt their losing run was due, in no small measure, to errors from Swansea. Chris Wyatt, the Neath lock, scored a try courtesy of a wayward clearance and Huw Woodland, the centre, capitalised on a midfield muddle.

Preceding these tries was more than an hour of forward battles leading to kicking duels. Aled Williams, the Swansea stand-off half, kicked four penalty goals, with Arwel Thomas, the Neath stand-off half, kicking four penalty goals and a dropped goal. Iwan Jones scored a try for Swansea but it not enough.



Clement: setback

SCORERS: Swansea: Try: Jones. Penalties: Williams (4) Conversion: Williams. Neath: Tries: Wyatt, Woodland. Penalties: Thomas (4) Conversion: Thomas. Dropped goal: Thomas.

SWANSEA: A Clement; Simon Davies, D Weatherly, R Boobyer, S Marchett, A Williams, C McDonald; I Buchett, G Jenkins, R Llewellyn, M Evans, R Moriarty, Stuart Davies, I Davies, I Jones.

NEATH: P Thorburn, C Higgs, H Woodland, J Bird, L Davies, A Thomas, R Jones, Brian Williams, Barry Williams, J Davies, C Wyatt, G Llewellyn, I Boobyer, R Morris, C Scott. J Bird replaced by S Bowling, 54mm.

Referee: G Simmons (Cardiff) Replaced by S Williams (Ystradgynlais), 47

Hamed sideshow blots fine card

BY SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT

AN EXCELLENT night's boxing delighted the crowd at the Ice Rink, Cardiff, on Saturday. The bouts between Robbie Regan, of Wales, and Luigi Camputaro, the European flyweight champion, of Italy, and that between Crawford Ashley and Nicky Piper for the British light-heavyweight title turned out to be contenders for the "fight of the year"; the British heavyweight championship between James Oyebola and Clifton Mitchell had enough twists and turns to make it an entertaining bout; and Naseem Hamed added the music-hall touch by doing a Chris Eubank before knocking out Laureano Ramirez, of the Dominican Republic, in the third round.

It was a pity that television preferred to play the ratings game and put "busking" before boxing. Hamed's bout, which was the least important, was given pride of place by ITV. No wonder Hamed was booed by the crowd, which had come to see Regan get back the title he gave up.

Whereas the European bout was between two well-matched men who fought with great skill, Camputaro's body punching being a joy to watch, Hamed's bout was a one-sided affair. Frank Warren, the promoter, claimed Ramirez, who turned his back on Hamed in the third round, was a good opponent, as he was the IBF No 4, but since Hamed was defending his WBC international title, the WBC rating of Ramirez as No 28 was clearly the more relevant one.

In every round of the European and British light-heavyweight contests, about 100 to 150 punches were thrown with purpose or landed; in the first two rounds of Hamed's fight only one punch of any consequence found its target. The excuses were that he had to be cautious against a dangerous opponent; that it was all a tactic to confuse Ramirez before knocking him out in the third round as predicted.

Regan was given the decision on a majority verdict, though, generally, ringsiders thought Camputaro had won by a round. Regan will defend his European title in January then seek a world title bout.

Ashley, who outpointed Piper despite the Welshman's fierce last round, will seek higher honours, while Piper could retire. Oyebola, who made George Foreman look like a ball of fire, now wants Herbie Hide. Hamed will defend his European title in the new year.

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Big winds aid Coltart in pursuit of victory

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

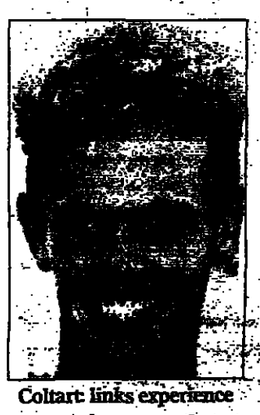
ANDREW Coltart showed the benefit of his Scottish links background yesterday when he scored a two-under-par 70 in gusts of 52mph in the final round of the Australian PGA Championship in Sydney. Coltart was one of only four golfers to break par in the round.

Terry Price, the Australian, had led for much of the day before faltering at the 17th hole. He scored a final round of 71 to finish two strokes behind Coltart, who earned his second tournament victory with a seven-under total of 281.

Coltart, 24, who won the Scottish PGA in May, said: "I hate the wind, I absolutely hate it. But it was much the same in the Scottish PGA. I don't think anyone likes to play in it; you just have to do it."

Coltart joined Price in the lead with a birdie at the 12th. Price dropped behind when he missed the green on the exposed par-three 17th and lost a stroke to par.

The Scot, playing behind him, also missed the green, by about 80 feet, but pitched to within five feet and made his putt for par. Price dropped another shot when he drove into the rough on the 18th. On the 1st, Coltart had scored a double-bogey six before compensating with an eagle three on the downward 5th hole.



Coltart: links experience

Mike Harwood, of Australia, scored 74 to claim third place, a shot behind Price.

"It's nice to come here for a holiday and end up winning a tournament. I'm going to enjoy this," Coltart said. His success earned him a place in the next Australian Tour event, the Australian Open at Royal Sydney on Thursday.

Like Price, Barry Lane, of England, destroyed previously excellent play yesterday by dropping behind on the 17th hole of the final round. Lane was 14-under par and tied for the lead of the Dunlop Phoenix tournament in Miyazaki, Japan, when he dropped two shots.

He had opted to hit a soft six-iron instead of a hard seven-iron and pulled the ball into pines, where it came to rest against a twig. A par five at the last gave him a 69, dropping him to a share of third place, on 204, three shots behind Jumbo Ozaki, of Japan, and two behind Tom Watson, of the United States.

Ozaki scored 65, seven under par, for the final round, Watson 68 after some fragile putting.

Although Watson came home in 32, four under par, he spurned birdie chances of six feet, five feet and ten feet at the 15th, 16th and 17th holes. He was still coming to terms with his more upright, less wristy putting style, as recommended by David Leadbetter. At the 18th, chasing an eagle to tie Ozaki, Watson hit two great shots to 25 feet. But his putt pulled up two feet short.

Ozaki, 47, who has won seven tournaments in Japan this year and has an unassailable lead in the Japanese Tour, said: "Just call me the George Foreman of Japan. I don't think I can ever better this season but my peak is not over."

Watson said: "Even though I couldn't win, I played well and this has helped me to regain my confidence."

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Rossholme netball hotshots take the biscuit

BY JOHN GOODBODY

CHILDREN benefit from individual attention in education. The smaller the class, the more a teacher can give to each pupil. In schools with low numbers, teachers are able to give more of their time to every boy or girl. This may often work well in the classroom and for other individual activities, but think of the disadvantages in trying to pick teams for inter-school sport fixtures when the number of potential recruits is low.

Rossholme, an independent girls' school in Somerset, has only 85 pupils. Yet it plays netball with distinct success not only against the local state schools, to whom Rossholme has not lost an under-16 or under-15 fixture for two years, but also against such leading independent schools as Millfield and Taunton.

Despite the disparity in numbers, the tightly-knit, family atmosphere helps Rossholme to flourish against opponents often able to draw from mixed-school rolls of a thousand pupils. Millfield, a traditional sporting centre of excellence, has only won the Deacon Cup, the Somerset under-15 schools' netball competition, on one more occasion than Rossholme.

On Saturday, the rivals clashed in a friendly netball fixture on the court at Rossholme. Whereas Rossholme has 35 girls aged between 13 and 16, Millfield has about 300. Millfield fielded an under-15 team against Rossholme's under-16 team and won 19-17, but, at under-14 level, they brought a mixture of their B and C teams and were overwhelmed 21-1 by the Rossholme A team.

Tucked under the hill of Brent Knoll, near Weston-super-Mare, Rossholme discourages its boarders from the casual watching of television. When a social services official queried this recently, one girl told him that they preferred to throw a netball around instead.

Professionalism is rampant: girls are given a chocolate biscuit for netting 100 goals. "The carrot never fails," Judith Webb, the headmistress, said. "Inevitably, girls do get more individual attention in a small school. This does help the duffer in an activity like netball. "The girls really want to play. It may be freezing, cold, wet and windy, but they still want to run about. We teach them to shoot using full-size goals from the age of seven. They may find it tiring but they have to learn to shoot properly."

The Prime Minister's promotion of team sports in state schools may have been diluted in the final form of the national curriculum, but John Major would certainly have warmed to the words of Mrs Webb. "There is a spirit and loyalty to the team that is fantastic," she said. "If a girl is ill before a match, she gets really worried that she might not be able to play." You can understand why Mrs Webb, like her husband, was a major in the army. In 1982, she was the first woman to command an all-male field force squadron within the British army of the Rhine.

But the girls are not driven; rather, there is a genuine delight in playing sport. Melanie Baldaro, 15, the goalkeeper said: "We did so want to beat Millfield today. They are always more powerful at home, but here we stamp our flag in our ground and try to keep them out."

Her team-mate, Hannah Baker, 14, said: "I adore the atmosphere, the hype. Netball is definitely *the* team game." They both agree that the most difficult thing is not to criticise their colleagues during a match. "You wonder why someone is doing something a particular way," Melanie said. "But you have to bite your tongue and play your own game."

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DAVID HOWELLS



Rossholme and Millfield under-14 netball teams battle for supremacy

SPORT IN SCHOOLS

Ireland point way to men from the East

Dalymount Park, Dublin, where Ireland used to play their home internationals, was a place to which you got just in time for, or quite soon after, the kick-off. People sat in the lounge bar of the Bohemian Hotel across the road and the boys who cleared your empty glasses also sold football programmes.

When they said "time for one last jar", they meant "the game has started".

Twenty-nine years ago last week, I was one of those who attended the European Nations' Cup match between the Republic and Turkey. In England and Scotland such a game would be the high point of the week: in the Republic it was a constituent part of an evening out, something to take a look at and talk of, if the action merited discussion.

Dalymount was a friendly sort of ground, reputed to seat 49,000, but looking nicely tenanted with half that number which eventually turned up to watch the Turks. The game was under floodlights, so dim that a picture of the action might have been used for a Spot-the-Pitch competition.

Little was known about the Turks, who had not previously met Ireland in any athletic event, though there were men around who recalled the visitors' speed and dedication at Sebastapol in 1915. What was more to the point, Turkey had beaten the Soviets in Moscow the previous week and that was meaningful if you consider the size of the former Soviet Union.

It was a dull game. The Turks played a loose 1-4-5 formation and were clearly determined to make a goalless draw of it. To enable this result, the 'keeper from Islam spent the second minute of the contest bouncing the ball in the penalty area, the fourth orchestrating an uncompulsive passing routine with his backs.

As a consequence, I had but two moments of total involvement during the first session — in the course of which the virginity of both goals remained intact: one, the undiluted joy greeting the announcement that Northern Ireland were losing to Scotland, the second when a man dropped a lighted match into my trouser turn-up ... the offending piece of sulphur-topped wood having been taken from a box inscribed "The friendly match made in Dublin".

After a stout-less, whiskey-less, tea-less half-time, the Republic returned clearly inspired by Johnny Carey's advice, fairly bustling with resolution. Big Charley Hurley came up for the corners as he had done in his heyday with Sunderland, Haverty, late of Arsenal, and recently signed by Shelbourne, outpaced the opposition on the left flank while Andy McEvoy was a constant threat in the middle. The rear trio all the while, Patrick Dunne, Tony Dunne and Seamus Brennan, generously contributed by Matt Busby, of Manchester United, stood firm.

The Turks' play was laboured, introspective and entirely clean ... the only proper foul they committed being on the Danish referee when he allowed what seemed a perfectly good goal by the home team. The second Irish goal was conceded more calmly and a late consolation scored by Ogun caused the men from the East to award each other token hugs.

In spite of their names — Onursal, Talat, Ercan etc., names evocative of patent medicines for unmentionable diseases — it was the consensus in the bar of The Bohemian afterwards that we would hear of them no more, not in the big time, not the way it was with the Irish team about whom you never knew ... except that, if you tried to predict their future, you were heading for a fall.

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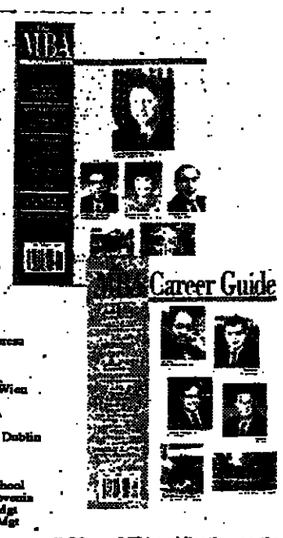
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EDUCATION

David Blunkett, shadow Education Secretary, says that measurements of school performance are valuable

Tables are here to stay



David Blunkett: school performances must be based on the ability of the intake, he says

Every parent wants to know — and has a right to know — how their child is succeeding at school. There are many ways in which they can get such information. It is available from personal contact with teachers, from exam and assessment results and from reports home.

But parents need more. They must be able both to check their child's progress against other pupils and to see how their school compares with others. Without such comparisons, it is difficult to judge objectively the progress of one's child and the school's success rate.

I know of no serious disagreements with these principles. It is necessary for GCSE, A-level and new vocational GNVQ results to be published locally and nationally. Let us be clear. Information available only to those with knowledge and access to it excludes and patronises those who should be encouraged to demand and expect higher standards. Education is the lifeblood of a free society. Facts available to the very few inevitably disadvantage the many.

The Labour Party is not shy of the benefits of information about schools. However, it is important that league tables are used to help to lever up standards in schools that are underperforming — and not to damage them. They can work by making schools more accountable to parents who, armed with facts, can ask searching questions. If a parent correctly identifies a short-coming of which the school was previously unaware, so much the better. League tables should also help the Office for Standards in Education to identify schools which need urgent attention.

These tenets of good sense need to be reiterated because they have been lost amid the fog that has descended on the Government's own league tables, to be published for the third time tomorrow. The substance and style of presentation have provoked bouts of pointless political point-scoring and a degree of professional reticence. Concern is understandable, given the way in which the tables have been used by ministers. League tables should not be employed as the public hand of a "market" system in education. They should be used to lift and support schools, rather than to embarrass or denigrate them.

On their own, the current league tables tell us too little. We cannot see how much progress schools are helping their pupils to make — the value they add, to use the jargon. This is the real measure of success for a school or college: how much they help pupils to improve.

Publishing examination results in isolation is not enough. League tables must tell us how well schools are performing given the ability of their intake, reflected in previous attainment at the age of 11 or 12. A secondary school that takes children at 11, whose reading age lags several years behind, deserves praise if pupils then go on to achieve average GCSE results. This will spur further improvement. At present, the Government's tables simply leave such schools to languish in mid-table.

The key way to raise standards is to set targets for pupils and schools and then to measure progress towards them. This is why Labour will publish far more than comparative raw data. Nationwide and at local level we will provide parents and the public with measures of the real performance of schools — informing them of the steps schools have taken to achieve success. Labour authorities in London pioneered the publication of sensibly constructed exam performance measures in the early Eighties. Cities such as Birmingham are working from five upwards in a similar way today.

It is equally crucial that teachers' expectations of pupils are not determined by social and economic circumstances. Pupils from the disadvantaged inner cities need good qualifications all the more. Data providing information about prior achievement, the gender gap and socio-economic indicators should help to raise expectations for all pupils.

The most crucial question that must be asked if a school is performing well below expectations is: what is the quality of management and leadership in that school? Research has shown that effective management is a more important factor than resources alone in achieving improved performance.

Over the coming months we will be discussing how we can ensure that poor schools do not become sink schools by default — and how to ensure that training and retraining is provided to heads and other teachers who need it. But if after such training and support from the local education authority and the inspectorate, a head teacher is clearly not up to the job, he or she cannot expect to stay in the post. The future of thousands of children can depend on the effectiveness of a single head teacher — and their future must be our primary concern.

Clearly, in working with the LEA and in advising governors, the role of the inspectorate is crucial. The Government's introduction of an anarchic system where schools buy in their own freelance inspectors, has sacrificed consistent standards of inspection and threatened its credibility.

It is crucial that we develop the role of the Office for Standards in Education to tackle failing schools, with a clear role for local education authorities to provide vigorous backing. This clearly entails examining the current funding formula which hinders remedial action because it rewards numbers rather than quality and improvement.

Parents choosing schools should have better information. Glossy brochures will not offer the full picture. My own children's comprehensive in Sheffield has doubled the numbers of pupils gaining five or more GCSE A to C grades in the last four years. While there is still considerable room for improvement, the dedication of staff requires confidence and support from parents. Had the school been abandoned, it would have left youngsters in a highly deprived area even more disadvantaged.

Labour's new policies will stress literacy, numeracy and citizenship. We will target those who are struggling from the start. A comprehensive under-fives policy, reading recovery and home-school liaison schemes must all be developed as part of our approach to improving standards of education.

Over the coming months, Labour will be listening to the views of head teachers, those in the classroom and parents. We want to learn from schools where standards are already being raised, where pupils are being motivated and where attendance levels have been substantially improved. We will put the issue of high standards back at the top of the political agenda.

Structures, league tables, assessment and tests are the means to an end, not an end in themselves. While the Government has failed its test, the education service must not be allowed to fail our future generations.

Screen stars

An individual computer learning system may improve skills and motivation



ILS on trial at Orgill Junior School, Egremont, Cumbria

An innovation that allowed pupils to make the equivalent of 20 months' progress in mathematics in only half a year might send schools rushing for their order forms.

The improvements are among the early findings of an evaluation by the University of Leicester of integrated learning systems (ILS) in 12 schools throughout the UK.

ILS are computer systems which manage individual learning for pupils; they show how things are done, assess the student and set further work at the right level. But anyone who concludes that a secret weapon has been invented to drive up standards should first listen to the words of caution.

"It is difficult not to be excited by these early findings," says Margaret Bell, chief executive of the National Council for Educational Technology (NCET), which commissioned the Leicester study. "But we must build carefully on the evidence from the evaluation so that we can be confident that investments made in these products will result in learning gains."

Two systems were tested for their impact on four primary and eight secondary schools: CCC SuccessMaker from the United States and Global from Britain. The academics point out that none of the students using the British system is representative of the school population as a whole. They also caution that the ILS were tested for only six months, and that many difficulties remain.

Although good gains were made on one of the systems in mathematics, there was no difference in progress made on reading skills.

A majority of teachers offered positive comments on ILS, which included improved concentration, spelling and reading skills, increased confidence, high work rates and sustained motivation. Among the negative outcomes were demotivation, repetition of favoured programmes, boredom and guessing.

Pupils mostly preferred working on ILS to working in the classroom. Boys in particular liked the fact that they did not have to do much writing on the system.

Central to the evaluation was an effort to measure gains by comparing pupils using ILS with control groups in the same school. Pupils using SuccessMaker scored an average of 48.3 in mathematics compared with 39.2 for the control group. Secondary pupils on ILS also did better, scoring 40.2, compared with 34.8.

However, the control group (scoring 29.8) did better than students using Global, who achieved only 23.1. This is accounted for by the results in one secondary school. "Excellent teaching by the control class teacher may be the cause of this disparity in performance," says the university.

In the case of English, the project did not pick up evidence of major gains from using ILS. "We feel it is too early to make any definitive comments about the impact of ILS on reading," the report said.

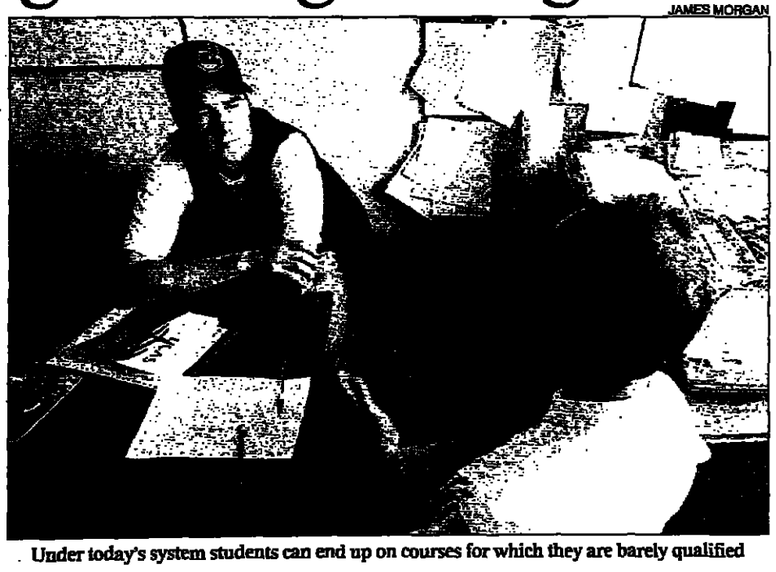
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Doing the right degree

John O'Leary on plans to end the unfair university clearing process

JAMES MORGAN



Under today's system students can end up on courses for which they are barely qualified

Over the past two summers, university entrance has become big news. A steady pattern has emerged, which starts with predictions that there will not be enough places to go around, develops into an unexpected dearth of candidates, and ends up with most universities recruiting the number of students they were seeking in the first place.

This year, however, there is a crucial difference: virtually all the main players acknowledge that the system will have to be changed. It may have produced the right numbers, but there is growing acceptance that the process of allocating places through a combination of provisional offers and frenetic clearing is unfair and inefficient.

Schools' predictions of A-level grades have been shown to be wildly inaccurate, while candidates forced to rely on clearing often find themselves joining courses for which they are barely qualified and have little enthusiasm.

All agree that it would be better to use actual results and, if possible, do away with clearing. But that is where agreement ends. The examining boards say they cannot deliver A-level results more quickly, the schools do not want examinations brought forward, and the universities want an earlier, not later, start to the academic year.

About 150 admissions tutors and school examinations officers met in Cambridge last week to try to find a solution. They heard a variety of proposals for change and confirmed that a post-results system was a common objective, but few came away with any expectation of early progress.

Tim Boswell, the higher education minister, laid out the options, but said that the admissions system was not a matter for Government. His only stipulation was that any change would have to be "cost neutral".

This in itself cast doubt on one of the post-entry plans, favoured by many schools, which would postpone entry to higher education to the start of the calendar year. For some, support for a January start to the academic year is conditional on the State providing benefit for school-leavers through the autumn. Although Labour might plug the gap by adopting the Commission for Social Justice's proposal for citizen's service for the young, Mr Boswell was making it clear that prospective students would have to fend for themselves.

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The Secondary Heads Association has proposed speeding up the process by introducing a preregistration which would allow students to make their choices, and universities to select candidates after A-level results were published. David Triesman, general secretary of the Association of University Teachers, has suggested turning the system on its head, with universities effectively tendering for students by advertising their requirements in advance.

Brian Roper, the Vice-Chancellor of North London University, which organised the Cambridge conference, wants more radical change, based on the replacement of A-levels by a "British baccalauréat" marrying academic and vocational education. A fully modular structure would allow results to be produced more quickly.

Such a solution is a long way off, however, and Dr Michael Halstead, secretary-general of the Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate, made it clear at the conference that there was little scope for faster delivery of results under the present system.

As so often happens, the momentum to break the deadlock may come from an unexpected source: in this case, Scotland. English universities may be prepared to muddle on with an adaptation of the present system — perhaps allowing students to hold more offers — but their Scottish counterparts, who effectively operate a post-results system at present, will be reluctant to rely on predictions when an extra year is added to Highers in 1998.

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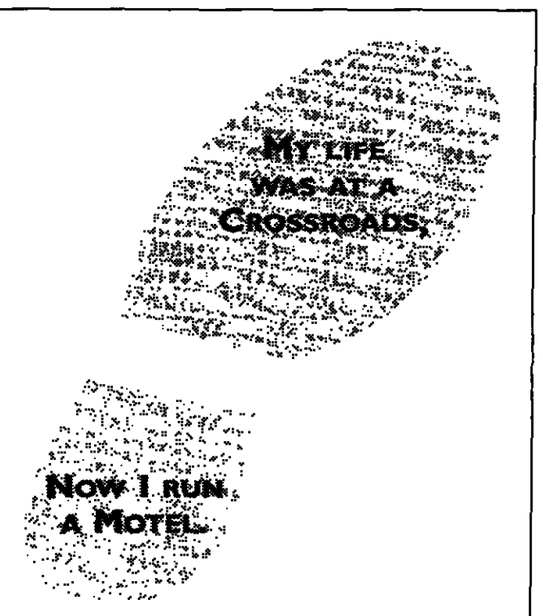
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[Speeches November 17]

Where a sewerage undertaker's system gathered effluent into the sewers which went through the works and was treated and the resultant liquid was carried into controlled waters, the circumstances under which poisonous, noxious and polluting matter, such as iso-octanol, entered the sewers and works did not preclude the conclusion that the undertaker caused the polluting matter to enter controlled waters within section 107(1)(a) of the Water Act 1989.

However, where the conditions of section 108(7) of the Act were fulfilled and the subsection was applicable to the facts the undertaker had a complete defence.

The House of Lords so held in allowing an appeal by Yorkshire Water Services Ltd from the Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Simon Brown and Mr Justice Buckley) (*The Times* November 24; [1994] Env LR 177) *which had allowed an appeal by* the prosecutor, the National Rivers Authority, by way of case stated from Wakefield Crown Court (Mr Recorder S. W. Williamson, QC and justices) which had allowed the appeal by Yorkshire Water Services against its conviction on May 17, 1991 by Batley and Dewsbury Justices for causing poisonous, noxious or polluting matter to enter controlled waters.

The Divisional Court had certified two points of law as being of general public importance:

"1 On a charge brought against a sewage undertaker under section 107(1)(a) ... is the only reasonable conclusion for the tribunal of fact that the undertaker is guilty of causing poisonous, noxious or polluting matter to enter controlled waters from a sewage treatment works ... when the matter of subject of the charge has been rendered poisonous, noxious or polluting by the discharge into a *sewer by an unidentified third* party of iso-octanol?

"2 Is the defence provided by section 108(7) ... available in relation to a charge brought against a sewage undertaker under section 107(1)(a) ... of causing poisonous, noxious or polluting matter to enter controlled waters?"

Section 107 of the 1989 Act provides: "(1) Subject to section 108 below, a person contravenes this *section if he causes or knowingly* permits — (a) any poisonous, noxious or polluting matter or any solid waste matter to enter any controlled waters; ..."

Section 108 provides: "(7) A sewerage undertaker shall not be guilty of an offence under section 107 ... by reason only of the fact that a discharge from a sewer or works vested in the undertaker contravenes conditions of a consent relating to the discharge if — (a) the contravention is attributable to a discharge which another person caused or *permitted* to be made into the sewer or works; (b) the undertaker either was not bound to receive the discharge into the sewer or works or was bound to receive it there subject to conditions which were not observed; and (c) the undertaker could not reasonably have been expected to prevent the discharge into the sewer or works."

Mr Stuart C. Brown, QC and Mr Alaric Dalziel for Yorkshire *Water Services; Mr Shaun Spen*cer, QC and Mr Gerard Heap for the NRA.

THE LORD CHANCELLOR said that Yorkshire Water Services owned and operated North Bierley sewage treatment works. Sewage entered the works via a sewer which led into an inlet chamber.

It flowed along a channel into primary tanks, where some settlement took place. The sewage then flowed by gravity to filter beds where it was treated.

The resultant liquid then flowed into humus tanks and, after further settlement, it continued to flow by gravity.

It was discharged into Hunsworth Beck and flowed into the River Spen which were controlled waters under the 1989 Act.

Yorkshire Water Services had been granted a consent by the NRA to discharge sewage effluent into Hunsworth Beck subject to conditions as to its nature, volume *and composition.*

The water services had, under its powers, granted consents to its industrial customers to discharge trade effluent into its sewers, subject to conditions, *inter alia*, not to discharge iso-octanol.

On May 13, 1990, when no one was on duty at night, an unknown person unlawfully discharged iso-octanol which passed into and through the works and *then into* controlled waters.

The water services could not reasonably have been expected to prevent the discharge of that iso-octanol and could not have known of its presence until it had entered the works, at the earliest. Thereafter its discharge into controlled waters was inevitable.

Yorkshire Water Services was prosecuted and was convicted by magistrates under section 107(1)(a) *of the 1989 Act. Its appeal to the* crown court was allowed but that court did not find as a fact that the water s services caused pollution and treated the matter as a point of law.

The leading authority on the first question certified by the Divisional Court was *Alphacell Ltd v Woodward* ([1972] AC 824). In applying the reasoning of the House to the present case it had to be remembered that what was being discharged by the water services was not iso-octanol only but was iso-octanol along with other materials and it was of the whole discharge that the complaint was raised.

In applying the words of the statute in the light of that decision the water services, having set up a system for gathering effluent into its sewers and thence into its sewage works there to be treated, with an arrangement deliberately intended to carry the results of that *treatment into controlled waters*, the special circumstances surrounding the entry of iso-octanol into its sewers and works did not preclude the conclusion that the water services caused the resulting poisonous, noxious and polluting matter to enter the controlled waters, notwithstanding that the constitution of the effluent so entering affected by the presence of iso-octanol.

In the absence of the crown court's finding of fact whether the water services caused poisonous, noxious or polluting matter to enter controlled waters, it would have been necessary to remit the case to that court for reconsideration of the issue in the light of the opinions of the House. However, in view of the conclusion on the second question posed by the Divisional Court such a remit would not be necessary.

The findings in fact by the crown court, not challenged before the House, showed that the requirements in section 108(7) had been met by the facts here and that, accordingly, Yorkshire Water Services was not guilty of an offence under section 107 by reason only of the fact that a discharge from a sewer or works vested in it contravened conditions of a consent relating to the discharge.

Furthermore, the wording of section 108(7) did not make its availability dependent on the choice of charge by the prosecution but on the factual situation. In the instant case it was clear that the section applied in the factual situation which had emerged and that, accordingly, the prosecution failed.

Lord Keith, Lord Jauncey, Lord Lloyd and Lord Nolan agreed.

Solicitors: Blake Lapthorn for Mr Stuart McFarlane, Leeds; Vizards for Mr Garry Greenlay, Leeds.

Admitting previous conviction

Regina v Hacker

Before Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Goff of Chieveley, Lord Mustill, Lord Slynn of Hadley and Lord Nolan

[Speeches November 17]

Where the prosecution was entitled under section 27(3)(b) of the Theft Act 1968, which should be read with section 73(2) of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984, to adduce in evidence the certificate of previous conviction identifying the stolen goods, and that evidence was admitted, the certificate should state the substance and effect, omitting the formal parts, of the indictment and conviction, if the conviction was on indictment.

Where the indictment and conviction was for theft of, or of handling a stolen car, the reference to the car was not a formal part. It was the substance of the indictment and the conviction and thus should not be omitted.

Even though the evidence was admissible, the judge in the exercise of his discretion, could exclude it under section 78(1) of the 1984 Act or at common law if its effect was prejudicial to the defendant.

The House of Lords so held allowing an appeal by the prosecution from a decision dated November 4, 1993, of the Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, (Lord Justice Henry, Mr Justice Otton and Mr Justice Garland) which had allowed an appeal by the defendant, Mr Jason Klaus Hacker, and quashed his conviction.

Between March 15 and 25, 1993, the defendant was tried at Bournemouth Crown Court by Mr Recorder Trethowan and a jury.

The judge had admitted in evidence a certificate of conviction, *adduced by the prosecution*, of the defendant's previous conviction on May 20, 1991, at Bournemouth Magistrates' Court of receiving a Ford RS Turbo car by producing a certificate indentifying the stolen goods as an RS Turbo motor car.

Section 27 of the 1968 Act provides: "(3) Where a person is being proceeded against for handling stolen goods ... then at any stage of the proceedings, if evidence has been given (*inter alia*) of *his having or arranging to have in* his possession the goods the subject of the charge ... the following evidence shall be admissible for the purpose of proving that he knew or believed the goods to be stolen goods: ... (b) ... evidence that he has within the five years preceding the date of the offence charged been convicted of theft or of handling stolen goods."

Section 73 of the 1984 Act provides: "(2) ... a certificate of *conviction ... (a) shall, as regards* a conviction ... on indictment, consist of a certificate, signed by the clerk of the court where the conviction ... took place, giving the substance and effect (omitting the formal parts) of the indictment and of the conviction..."

Mr Anthony Scrivener, QC and Mr Barrington Myers for the prosecution; Mr Andrew Trollope, QC and Mr Godfree Browne for the defendant.

LORD SLYNN said that the defendant was charged with handling stolen goods: the bodyshell of an Escort RS Turbo car in August 1991. He, together with another man who purchased the shell from him, vigorously contested the charges. They denied that they had received the goods dishonestly or knowing or believing them to have been stolen.

At the trial the prosecution sought to adduce in evidence the defendant's previous conviction on May 20, 1991 at Bournemouth *Magistrates' Court of receiving a* Ford RS Turbo motor car and, in particular, to produce a certificate of the particulars entered in the register of the magistrates' court.

That certificate recited as the offence charged that the defendant, "on 15/04/91 at Bournemouth did knowing or believing certain goods to be stolen, namely a Ford RS Turbo, registration number F79TEL did dishonestly receive it". The adjudication recorded simply "convicted".

The defence objected on two grounds: First, that the only evidence that could be given was that there had been a conviction of handling or receiving stolen goods but that no details of the offence could be disclosed. Second, the prejudicial effect of the certificate outweighed its probative value not least since the first issue was whether the goods had been stolen at all.

The recorder ruled that the certificate, including the details of the offence with which he was charged and of which he was convicted, was admissible but that further details of the offence not stated in the certificate could not be given.

In his discretion he further ruled that the certificate should be admitted, as it was. The defendant was convicted by a majority of ten to two. The other man was acquitted.

The Court of Appeal allowed the defendant's appeal on the basis that like the recorder it was bound by its previous decision in *R v Fowler* ((1988) 86 Cr App R 219) to hold that only the fact of a conviction for handling stolen *goods on a particular date or place* could be put in but that the details of the stolen goods could not be given.

The court certified that a point of law of general public importance was involved in its decision, namely: "If section 27(3)(b) of the Theft Act 1968 applies and a previous conviction thereunder is admissible and in the discretion of the judge is admitted, is the prosecution entitled to adduce the certificate of that conviction, showing the terms of the charge, including the goods the subject thereof, or should any particulars identifying the property involved or other circumstances of the offence be excluded."

The way in which a conviction could be proved had been provided for in legislation since the Evidence Act 1851 (14 & 15 Vict c99): see section 13. The Prevention of Crime Act 1871 (34 & 35 Vict c112), section 18, took the matter further.

Section 19 of the 1871 Act was the forerunner of section 73 of the 1984 Act although different in certain respects from it. Section 19 was in substance re-enacted by section 43 of the Larceny Act 1916. Section 27 of the 1968 Act introduced a number of changes.

A number of cases were cited on the proper interpretation of section 43 of the Larceny Act 1916 and section 27 of the Theft Act 1968, for instance, *R v George Smith* ([1918] 2 KB 415); *R v Bradley* ([1980) 70 Cr App R 200) and *R v Wood (William Douglas)* ([1987] 1 WLR 779).

Those cases were either solely or principally concerned with section 27(3)(a) of the 1968 Act. The only case which dealt specifically with section 27(3)(b) of the Act was *R v Fowler*.

It was clearly arguable that section 27(3)(b) read alone merely allowed proof that an accused had previously been convicted of "theft" or "handling stolen goods". That was so general and abstract as inevitably to lead to difficulties. That section had to be read with section 73(2) of the 1984 Act.

Where the previous conviction was on indictment the certificate must give the "substance and effect (omitting the formal parts) of the indictment and of the conviction". If the previous indictment and conviction were for theft of a motor car or of handling a stolen motor car it was impossible to say that the reference to the car was a "formal part". It was of the substance of the indictment and the conviction.

If the conviction was on summary trial for the theft of a motor car or of handling a stolen motor car then the certificate had to record that and the whole certificate was admissible.

Section 27 of the 1968 Act did not require that the description of the offence of which the accused was convicted "namely a Ford RS Turbo registration ... F79TEL" should be left out of the certificate contrary to what appeared to be the clear provision of section 73 of the 1984 Act and indeed of the preceding legislation.

The learned judge was, accordingly, right to hold that the whole certificate was admissible.

Mr Scrivener accepted that even if the evidence was admissible, the trial judge had a discretion to exclude it where the prejudicial effect outweighed its probative value, either under section 78 of the 1984 Act or at common law: *R v Herron* ((1966) 50 Cr App R 132) and *R v Knott* (unreported, October 27, 1972, CA).

Evidence of a previous conviction, especially of handling the same kind of goods, was clearly a matter likely to weigh with the jury and could be prejudicial to the defendant.

Lord Keith, Lord Goff, Lord Mustill and Lord Nolan agreed.

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution Service, Headquarters; Paul Gunn & Co, Bournemouth.

Departing from officer's report

In re C (Minor) (Access: Attendance of court welfare officer)

Before Lord Justice Steyn and Mrs Justice Hale

[Judgment November 10]

A court concerned with a child's upbringing pursuant to section 1(1) and (2) of the Children Act 1989 could, in appropriate circumstances, depart from the recommendations of a court welfare officer's report even if he did not attend court to give oral evidence.

The Court of Appeal so held dismissing a father's appeal against the refusal by Mr Assistant Recorder Gerrey on April 29 in Bromley County Court of the *father's application for an adjourn*ment for the welfare officer to attend his application that his child should reside with him. The judge ordered that the child should remain with the mother.

Miss Elizabeth Anne Gumbel for the father; Miss Rachel Wingert for the mother.

MRS JUSTICE HALE said that the main argument was that an adjournment should have been granted and that the court could not depart from a welfare officer's report unless oral evidence had been given by him: see *In re C B (a Minor) (Access)* ([1992] 1 FCR 320, 327-328).

Nevertheless, the issue was not the rights of the parents but the paramountcy of the child's welfare and the general principle that any delay in determining the question of the child's upbringing was likely to prejudice his welfare: section 1(1) and (2). The judge had to weigh up the likelihood of prejudice to the child's welfare and the fact that the next hearing date would be four months later.

The report in *In re C B* made clear recommendations and warnings of a most serious kind which the Court of Appeal found should not have been ignored. In the present case the report made no firm recommendations except favouring the child's continued residence with the mother and, in the circumstances, it was always open for the judge to weigh up the relevant considerations without the officer present. He was not prejudicing the father's case.

The dictum in *In re C B* was not a hard and fast rule and it was undesirable for the court to be bound by procedural straitjackets in view of section 1(1) and (2). The judge was entitled, on the evidence, to conclude he could determine the child's welfare fairly without the officer's attendance.

Lord Justice Steyn agreed.

Solicitors: T. G. Baynes & Sons, Dartford; Pearsons, New Malden.

No stress claim for company

Firsteel Cold Rolled Products Ltd v Anaco Precision Pressings Ltd

There was no head of damages recognised by English law which enabled a company to claim for inconvenience, stress and difficulty in the course of its business caused by the actions of another party by attributing the inconvenience, stress and difficulty experienced by the directors and employees to the company itself.

Mr Justice Owen so held in the Queen's Bench Division on November 1 giving judgment in open court after hearing an appeal in chambers against a decision of the district judge.

His Lordship allowed the appeal and struck out certain paragraphs in the counterclaim of the defendants, Anaco Precision Pressings Ltd, in an action for breach of contract brought by Firsteel Cold Rolled Products Ltd.

HIS LORDSHIP said that he accepted the arguments for the plaintiff that the defendant claimed a head of damage unknown to law.

There could be no such attribution as the company itself had not suffered any inconvenience, stress or difficulty.

In addition English law did not, as a general rule and as a matter of policy, award damages for breach of contract in respect of inconvenience, stress and difficulty caused by breach of contract except for two well recognised exceptions.

Correction

In *Ex parte Phillips* (*The Times* November 16) the solicitors for Dr Phillips were Sydney Mitchell, Birmingham.

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8.41	Beacon	45	+8	4.9	5.4
318.80	Barratt Devel	175	+2	4.3	..
381.90	Beazer Homes†	136	-1	5.8	10.7
203.40	Bellway	208	+5	4.3	..
14.00	Bellwinch	31	-1	...	27.3
291.40	Berkeley Gp	376	-4	2.3	15.8
27.30	Bett Bros	182	+15	3.1	..
60.08	Boot (Henry)†	238	-15	3.5	11.3
11.00	Brandon Hire	78	+5	2.4	..
19.10	Br Bldg & Eng	178	...	6.1	10.3
381.80	Bryant†	141	+4	4.4	15.9
40.40	CALA	115	...	3.0	15.9
5.49	Campbell & Arm	38	-1	...	...
6.02	Clarke T	49	...	3.2	41.6
116.50	Costain	22½	+¼	...	...
90.00	Countryside	118	-6	4.4	26.2
84.40	Crest Nicholson	85	-1	2.4	15.8
18.30	Cussins	103	...	4.1	12.4
10.70	Edmund Hldgs†	21	...	1.8	..
31.90	Eve Group	325	...	4.2	13.3
21.30	Galliford†	24	-1	5.2	..
1.53	Gibbs & Dandy	88	-1	3.8	..
83.60	Gleeson (MJ)†	826	-1½	2.1	..
6.63	Goes (Ernst)†	96	+5	8.7	26.5
45.60	Havelock Europ†	175	-1	2.1	16.0
342.00	Hewden-Stuart†	149	+1	2.5	17.1
82.90	Higgs & Hill†	95	-1	3.3	..
5.63	Howard Hldgs	22	...	4.5	20.5
4.07	Jarvis	11¼	+¼		
64.40	Keller	115	+5	4.1	13.3
108.50	Laing (J)†	237	+1	4.7	21.4
39.70	Laing 6¾% Cv Pf	99	+½	8.1	..
11.50	Lon Clydeside	127	...	4.2	17.6
29.20	Lovell (YJ)	73	...		
54.80	Maunders (J)†	219	+1	3.1	-
131.30	McAlpine (A)	190	-3	4.3	27.9
57.00	McCarthy & S	58	+1	1.1	..
176.80	Mowlem (J)	103	+½	2.4	..
253.20	Persimmon	217	-2	5.3	18.3
20.80	Pochins	2000	+200	2.0	20.8
89.20	Prowting†	129	-1	3.5	19.5
92.20	Rmc Int†	49	-4	7.7	10.2
9.71	Sellig-Rm	62	...	1.5	29.2
38.30	Steel Hldgs	364	...	1.5	24.2
5.18	Storco	111	-1	4.1	15.6
21.98	Smart (J)†	217	+5	4.9	..
92.70	Swindon	235	+5	1.3	18.9
46.89	Tay Homes†	167	-6	4.8	12.9
531.50	Taylor Woodrw	127	-4	1.7	31.8
198.30	Tilbury Dougls	586	-3	7.3	43.4
5.85	Tonas Hire	69	-1	2.0	28.7
15.20	Try Group	22	...	2.8	...
59.50	Vibroplant	129	+4	3.5	34.1
78.40	Wainhomes	125	+1½	4.2	13.6
28.50	Ward Hldgs	55	-2	1.1	..
97.98	Westbury†	147	-4	4.6	13.4
28.00	Wiggins	6½	-¼	..	
335.90	Wilson (C)	177	-5	3.8	14.7
320.40	Wilson Bowden	343	-4	3.5	15.3
478.40	Wimpey G	132	-3	5.9	18.7

BUILDING MATERIALS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
10.90	Albrighton	15	...	4.2	14.4
105.40	Alumasc	349	+7	2.2	..
22.20	Amberley Gp	52	+2	2.4	28.4
1,551.50	BPB Ind	310	+5	3.3	20.9
47.60	Baggeridge Brk	120	-1	3.3	22.7
205.00	Barcol†	37	+½	6.8	...
324.00	Bescot Ind	217	+4	...	...
15.70	Blockleys†	63	-1	1.8	..
2,264.10	Blue Circle†	311	+11	4.5	22.1
25.30	Breedon PLC	88	-1	6.5	25.5
25.30	Br Dredging†	133	+3	5.3	16.0
1,238.50	CRH	352	-2	2.7	17.9
2.80	Calderwood Rty	38	-3	...	
127.20	Cape	235	...	5.9	14.9
1,710.30	Caradon†	288	+12	3.9	18.9
241.20	Caradon Wt	134	+3½	6.8	..
4.62	Chelton Gp	54	...	8.1	18.8
1.63	Dyson (J&J)	99	...	4.4	14.9
8.56	Dyson 'A'	71	-1	6.2	10.7
12.80	Eclipse Blinds	8½	+½	2.8	..
65.98	Epwin	365	-10	3.2	18.1
28.50	Erith†	60	...	2.9	38.8
200.60	Graham Grp†	175	+2	3.3	18.7
107.30	Halstead (J)†	259	-9	2.6	16.6
781.50	Hepworth†	322	+10	5.8	18.3
7.63	Hewetson	82	+2	1.9	...
3.35	Heard (J)	98	-2	2.2	...
288.70	Heywd Wms	381	-3	5.8	17.0
187.80	Ibstock†	75	...	1.7	..
28.80	Johnston†	272	...	2.1	32.7
42.60	Lilleshall†	151	-4	3.9	15.8
421.40	Marley	147	+5	3.6	17.4
176.30	Marshalls	144	+1	3.9	12.7
449.80	Meyer Intl	357	-48	3.8	14.9
206.70	Newman Tnks	171	+5	4.7	21.6
225.50	Norcros	129	+9	6.8	23.1
3.83	Phoenix Timber	11	...		
1,462.60	Pilkington	186	+2	2.7	..
216.40	Polypipe	138	+5	2.1	15.9
1,970.88	RMC Grp†	1000	...	2.7	20.7
4.56	Ramus	19	...		
2,522.70	Redland†	487	+22	8.4	22.5
14.40	Rokplast	86	-2	5.6	..
775.30	Rugby Group†	122	-1	3.5	15.4
20.60	Russell (A)†	88	...	3.2	18.3
191.40	SIG	260	+12	2.8	20.9
41.13	SMP	16½	...	1.5	23.0
96.80	Sharpe & Fisher	177	+2	3.1	13.8
281.70	Spring Ram	44½	...		
1,177.30	Tarmac†	128	-2	5.4	..
17.50	Titan	160	...	3.4	13.6
297.80	Travis Perkins	290	-14	3.6	17.9
2.62	Tudor	24	...	1.3	...
11.30	Unigroup	38	-1	...	
1.27	Watermonse	51	...		
327.20	Wickes†	88	-3	1.8	19.8
53.70	Wilshaw	64½	+½	1.3	21.7
2,150.50	Wolseley†	782	+8	2.7	15.4

BUSINESS SERVICES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
20.70	Anglo Utd	2¼	...	...	...
21.50	App Holo	98	...	...	...
335.90	Atkins	118	+3	5.3	...
3.57	Bailey (CH)	6½	...	...	...
10.60	Black Arrow	43	...	9.2	10.2
3.08	Br Bloodstock	79	...	...	70.9
3.43	Card Gp	8	...	...	16.7
2.85	Chemex	6	...		
15.40	Cosalt	135	...	5.8	..
60.79	Filofax	229	+19	1.0	22.7
6.16	Headway	39	+4	2.2	30.3
58.53	Hourlock	246	-1	3.0	17.5
118.80	Leigh	180	-1	5.4	16.5
27.90	Nobo Gp	228	-1	3.5	14.6
149.10	Photo-Me†	244	+7	2.5	25.6
18.30	Plant & Gen	57	-1	3.9	..
173.20	Pozzolanic	173	...	2.5	20.4
1.44	Park Group	7½	+		
17.80	Redman	12	+1	...	
17.20	Shanks & McEwan	44	...	4.4	
48.85	Sectors (ABS)	187	+6	4.8	14.4
1,972.80	Wace Mgt Intl	528	+18	...	19.9

CHEMICALS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
684.30	Allied Colloids	130	...	2.3	28.9
30.90	Amber Ind	790	-10	3.2	16.4
7,560.20	BASF DM	£131	+25¼	7.2	...
3,460.70	BOC	774	+20	4.4	26.9
390.40	BTP	289	+4	4.3	18.3
9,492.10	Bayer DM50	£141½	+13½	8.4	...
72.80	Brent Chemcl	105½	-4½	4.7	...
493.70	Br Vita	227	-2	4.1	16.9
7.43	Camvalley Gp	19	...		
52.40	Cosmag (W)	185	+3	4.9	31.3
1,893.50	Courtaulds	449	-2	4.1	36.2
471.00	Croda	286	-7	3.9	15.3
14.29	Cuttech	134	-1	4.3	13.5
19.40	Enz Cooper	64½	-½	2.7	18.5
12.50	Grosvnr	138	...	5.0	18.9
280.50	Hickson	148	-3	6.8	13.3
1,532.70	Hoechst	£138½	-90¼	5.5	..
229.10	Holliday Chem	222	+1	2.5	18.1
5,108.70	ICI	783½	+33½	4.4	63.7
192.10	Inspec	143½	-1	3.8	13.8
1,172.80	Laporte	718	...	3.7	18.2
31.50	MDA	85	+5	0.7	..
153.70	Macpherson	304	...	4.1	14.8
64.70	McLeod Russel	107	...	7.1	16.7
16.90	Micromet	70	-10	8.3	8.3
24,632.40	Monsanto	484	-19	4.1	22.0
48.79	Porvair	398	-3	1.9	22.2
474.80	Scapa	280	-1	3.7	16.9
18.30	Sutcliffe Speak	32	-2	2.0	19.0
6,746.70	Takeda Chem	774½	+18	0.8	14.2
87.40	Wardle Storeys	351	-44	6.4	..
45.80	Watson	193	...	3.3	18.5
57.90	Wolstenholme R	765	-2	3.0	16.3
12.10	Yorks Chem	392	-2	2.7	16.5
285.90	Yule Catto	247	-2	2.9	21.8

DISTRIBUTORS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
28.60	ABI Leis	106	...	4.6	14.9
56.10	Acal	291	+5	2.8	18.2
24.20	Adam & Harvey	585	+17	3.5	7.7
8.64	Alexanders	22	-1	2.8	20.4
78.40	Applyard	118	-1	8.1	20.8
11.80	Ass Br Eng	4½	...	1.4	58.8
138.20	BSS Group	520	-3	4.3	21.7
8.15	Bearing Power	24	+2	3.9	15.2
15.60	Blakeley Mtr	255	+6	5.1	10.5
1.38	Boyce 'A'	28	...	3.1	..
16.40	Bassand	25	...	4.1	..
151.50	Brammer	339	-1	4.8	18.8
4.41	Bridgend Gp†	16	...	1.6	..
20.20	Brit Fidelity†	85	...	3.3	..
16.59	Brown & Tawse	51	+2		
48.50	Burndene	44	+9	5.7	12.8
9.38	Caffyns	283	+15	5.1	19.1
29.90	Cartel Plc	27½	-2½	3.1	9.2
12.70	Central Mtr	93	-2	4.7	23.0
13.40	Cook (DC)	36	+1	3.6	11.0
333.40	Cowie	233	...	4.4	11.4
32.80	Dagenham Mtrs†	140	...	6.8	16.1
25.90	Dewhurst	583	-4	1.4	16.6
344.80	Diploma	436	+10	3.6	17.5
996.80	Electrocomps	474	+6	2.7	20.5
39.50	Electron House	156	-2	2.6	18.1
214.10	Ellis & Everard	257	+5	3.7	19.0
102.50	Eurodollar	209	+2	5.1	16.3
64.30	European Mtr	120	+5	4.4	12.5
150.70	Evans Halshaw	404	...	4.4	12.7
713.10	Farnell Electr†	529	+16	1.9	21.7
7.51	Fire Indmar	61	+1	5.6	9.8
19.30	Gardiner	18	-½	5.2	8.6
6.44	Glenchewton	22	...	...	24.3
8.64	Gowrings	73	...	3.4	22.2
25.40	Hallite Hldgs	69	-1	...	53.9
130.90	Henlys	274½	+1½	3.4	14.7
2.96	Holders Tech	85	+1	7.9	10.3
45.10	ISA Intl†	113	...	1.9	14.1
2,351.20	Inchcape†	447	+21	4.2	14.9
6.28	Jacks (Wm)	58	...	...	18.4
278.30	Kwik-Fit	182	+8	3.1	18.6
328.80	Lex Service	345	...	4.9	13.2
37.80	Lookers	194	+2	4.4	12.1
19.20	Malory Grp	28	...	1.8	..
40.80	Middlesex ©	7¼	+1		
45.20	Norbain	434	+9	0.6	20.8
15.60	Northamber	92	+2	1.1	39.1
13.70	PCT	155	...	6.0	15.0
181.18	Pendragon	262	...	3.6	17.2
41.70	Perry Grp†	165	...	5.3	9.8
31.30	Quicks Group	135	-1	4.8	14.3
13.10	REA	182	...	4.8	33.5
3.85	Reece	3	+¼	..	
12.80	Ross Gp	9	...	2.8	..
29.00	SEP Indl	36	+2½	3.1	18.9
13.00	TLS Range	36	...	3.5	14.5
126.10	Time Products	228	...	4.7	15.8
73.28	Vardy (Reg)	158	...	3.6	14.9
35.20	Wholesale Ftgs	248	-1	5.9	..
27.20	Wills Gp	15½	-½	4.0	8.7
18.10	Wyko	56	...	1.1	..
11.30	Young (H)	68	...	6.1	72.7

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
131.50	Adwest†	160	...	5.9	16.3
562.60	Antofagasta†	358	+18	1.2	29.0
15.80	Armour†	48½	...	4.5	..
15,180.40	Beaten Hill	915	+11	2.3	36.3
17,095.98	BTR†	305	+2½	5.1	16.1
14,300.50	BAT†	464	+16	5.6	12.1
114.10	Bibby (J)	73	+4	5.3	..
1,309.70	Bilsley (ert)	50¼	+1½	8.7	-
12.80	Cannon St	12½	...		4.8
650.80	Cluster	760	...	3.7	21.6
1,380.80	Cookson†	245	-6	3.3	22.2
12,048.40	Hanson	233	+4½	6.4	20.9
1,137.60	Harrisn Crsfld†	162	-5	8.9	18.4
10,311.60	Hutch Whamp	285½	+9¼	2.0	20.4
3,622.20	Jardine Math	504	+5¼	2.9	11.5
5.39	Jourdan (T)	30	...	4.2	28.1
1,253.70	Lonrho	163½	+12	3.1	44.9
35.80	Porter Chadbn	38	-3		
383.20	Powell Duffryn	547	+13	5.4	19.5
30.50	Raynest†	132	+5	7.1	15.9
2,694.20	Robinson	436	+6	3.6	23.2
2,940.60	Sime Darby	167	+5	3.3	17.5
217.90	Staveley	180½	-1½	5.6	56.0
196.10	Suter▼	167	...	7.0	16.1
374.30	TT Group	239	-7	2.3	..
2,616.30	Tomkins	224	+5½	4.1	14.4
690.10	Trafalgar H	83	+1½	1.5	..
57.40	Unitrs	295	...	3.6	15.2
553.00	Wassall	387	+1½	1.6	24.6
15.18	Widney	10	-¼		
2,089.20	Williams Hldg	358	+12	4.6	22.1

ELECTRICITY

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
1,509.60	East Midlands†	688	-4	4.1	54.3
2,079.50	Eastern Grp	806	-1	3.6	17.8
1,465.00	London Elect	719	-8	3.9	11.0
950.50	Manweb	816	-2	3.7	9.8
1,482.90	Midlands Elec	778	-4	3.7	11.9
6,551.00	National Power	511	+23	3.2	13.9
916.70	Northern Elec	821	+3	3.8	10.3
617.30	Nthn Ireland	375	+1	3.8	10.2
1,293.50	Norweb	812	-8	3.5	10.7
4,408.10	PowerGen	562	+13	3.1	12.0
1,277.70	Hydro-Elect	333	+7	4.7	10.5
2,970.20	Scottish Power	364	+13	4.5	11.4
1,065.90	Seeboard	425	-16	3.5	11.2
820.10	Sth Wales	816	+3	3.9	11.1
942.80	Sth Western	795	+8	3.7	10.5
2,787.00	Southern Elec	897	-8½	3.5	12.6
1,549.30	Yorkshire Elec	738	-6	4.0	14.4

ELECTRONIC & ELECT

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
85.40	Acorn Comp	97	-1	...	...
85.10	Alba	182	...	3.4	15.0
1,177.30	Amstrad†	30½	+1½	2.0	..
24.50	Ades	33	+1	...	...
266.90	Astec	86½	+2½	1.3	17.8
31.20	Adam	143	+11	2.6	11.5
1,238.20	BICC†	350	-3	6.9	22.1
28.20	Beales Hunter	265	-2	4.8	-
5.54	Berkeley Bus	7	-½	...	...
128.60	Blick	415	+10	3.1	16.7
560.20	Bowthorpe†	391	...	2.8	17.2
4.55	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	17½	...	1.8	10.2
49.60	CML Micro	288	-3	2.8	17.1
57.80	Chloride	24¼	...	...	67.9
11.90	Copymore	113	-2	4.8	-
392.90	Cray Elect	185½	+6	1.7	18.3
62.20	Critchley	444	...	2.3	19.9
653.90	Dantec Bs Sys	344	+18	0.8	29.3
782.90	Delta†	473	+11	3.9	20.2
139.30	Domino	522	+12	2.0	22.4
102.30	Dowding Mills	69	+1	4.6	25.2
93.40	Druck	1480	...	0.9	27.2
2,430.80	Electrolux 'B'	3412½	+209¼	1.6	57.1
33.40	Emess	31½	+1	0.4	...
7,648.60	Ericsson 'B'	3853½	+48¼	1.0	32.8
31.00	Eurocopy	64	...	3.5	18.9
351.90	Eurotherm	365	-2	1.6	23.4
289.90	Fairey Group	385	+8	2.0	20.4
15.60	Forward Gp	190	-5	3.3	11.4
15.00	Forward Tech†	44	...	2.1	8.1
7,883.20	GEC	287½	+4½	4.7	14.5
212.40	Gestetner	107½	+½	2.8	..
94.80	Goresby	147	+3	5.1	13.8
49.50	Ind Control	124	-2	5.0	-
153.80	Kenwood Appl▲	335	...	3.5	16.4
305.90	Kershaw (A)	880	...	3.9	40.5
5.83	Kode	82	-9	8.1	...
4.13	LPA Ind	48	-1	4.3	...
58.50	MTL Inst	314	-3	1.7	18.9
125.50	Menvier-Sw	255	+3	2.0	19.9
22.00	Microvitec	34½	+½	...	...
243.80	Mitel	231	+5	..	..
38.80	Murray Ent	116	+2	2.2	...
8.41	Orbis	23	...	2.8	-
3.29	Pacer Systems†	70	...	6.3	25.3
102.70	Peak†	86	+1	4.9	21.8
6,743.60	Philips Lamp Nv	2094½	+106¼	0.9	9.3
14.20	Philips Fn 4%	£110	...	5.2	...
33.60	Pilco	354	...	1.6	24.3
22.90	Pilco 'A' Vtg	332	...	1.7	22.8
5.58	Plasmec	120	+8	3.9	..
35.10	Pressac▼	95	-13	3.7	18.3
10.80	Prestwick	26	-1	..	..
58.80	Psion	253	...	1.4	17.7
847.30	Racal Elect	231	-17	2.3	19.0
9.41	Radamec†	51	-1	4.7	14.0
126.00	Rexboro	233	+6	2.4	17.0
7.84	Scantronic	27½	-1	4.9	-
23.70	Silverlines	37	+1	2.7	22.0
6.37	Soundtracks	83	...	4.8	14.3
43.50	Sime Bos	45	...	10.3	7.0
0.99	TDS Circuits	17	...		
4,010.90	TDK	3050	+100	1.1	...
75.80	Telemetrix	82	-3	1.5	10.5
18.70	TGI	92	...	2.7	17.1
105.30	Telspec	332	...	0.9	40.7
23.10	Thorpe FW†	334	-12	1.7	17.1
3.63	Total Systems	36	+1	...	37.4
64.00	Tunstall	256	...	1.8	18.3
246.30	Unitech	359	-2	2.3	28.1
18.50	Verity	9	...		
104.40	Volex	394	-1	5.9	17.0
18.50	Walmore	88	-2	...	
66.50	Whitecroft	152	+2	1.6	24.0

ENGINEERING

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
23.50	AIM	166	+11	3.4	44.3
183.20	APV†	62	-3½	8.8	...
127.00	ASW	189	+1	4.0	..
14.90	Acm Hamble	26	-1	18.0	2.6
6.27	Aerospace Eng	16½	-1	5.7	46.8
25.00	Alvis	45	-1	2.8	31.3
41.00	Api & Lacy†	156	-2	5.1	16.1
56.70	Atlas Equip†	545	...	5.0	18.2
11.80	Ayrshire Metal	115	...	1.8	..
49.80	BM Gp	45	+½		
226.20	Babcock	28½	-2½		
66.00	BWH	138	-½	8.1	21.2
124.70	Baynes (Charles)	86½	+3½	2.6	22.1
7.71	Beauford	32			
2.45	Billam (J)	151	...	4.4	9.4
181.20	Bodycote†	313	+2½	2.2	21.3
2.58	Booth Inds	57	+1		
12.90	Boxwood	16½	...	4.0	18.8
89.60	Bridon†	157	+1½	3.2	..
1,890.30	Br Aerospace†	446	-15	2.8	39.2
3,138.00	Br Steel	155½	-3	2.8	18.5
84.70	Bromsgrove Ind	89	...	6.3	11.3
4.76	Brooke Tool	12½	+½		
185.10	Bullough	153	+1	4.8	25.1
25.40	Buntol	74	+3	8.1	31.8
13.00	CI Group	15	...	2.5	..
153.20	Carclo Eng	250	...	4.5	16.3
59.10	Castings	140	...	2.3	17.2
11.80	Chamberlin Hill	160	...	5.3	10.0
65.40	Chemring	283	...	4.1	14.9
15.00	Clyde Blowers	191	+4	3.0	..
249.50	Cobham	330	+1	3.0	16.5
4.19	Cohen (A)	540	...	0.8	..
93.50	Concentric	181	+1	4.1	15.0
55.09	Cook (Wm)	249	-1	3.8	11.6
124.20	David Brown†	216	...	3.6	15.2
99.00	Dobson Park	79	+1	5.9	15.8
175.80	EIS†	388	+1½	4.0	15.6
35.30	Elliott (B)	100	-1	2.5	14.8
56.90	Expamet	90	-2	3.6	63.8
743.20	FKI	166	+6	3.2	19.0
98.00	Fenner	139	...	1.4	..
7.72	Ferraris	31	...		
27.30	GEI Intl	74	-2	2.5	20.8
4.77	Garton Eng†	125	...	4.8	..
716.80	Glynwed†	346	-2	4.2	20.2
35.70	Graystone	73	-½	2.3	11.8
74.70	Haden MacLn	68	...	8.7	17.5
8.82	Hadleigh	119	+3	2.1	13.8
52.30	Hall Eng	164	+15	6.1	12.8
448.40	Halma	224	+1	1.3	28.3
31.20	Hampson Ind	51	+½	4.9	8.7
15.10	Harris (Philip)	140	-1	6.1	17.3
3.90	Hay (Norman)	25			
48.30	Hill & Smith	145	-3	5.0	15.7
41.40	Hopkinsons†	53	...	3.1	..
16.30	How Grp	38	...	2.4	..
251.60	Howden	86½	...	3.5	14.2
165.40	Hunting†	170	+13	7.4	24.3
122.50	Hyson Eng	433	+10	1.5	20.2
1,070.90	IMI	328	+8	3.9	27.8
52.60	Johnston & FB	37½	+3	1.2	..
1,098.30	Johnson Matth	574	+3	2.5	22.9
7.71	Jones Shipman	32			
9.89	Kelsey Ind	319	-1	3.1	..
17.20	Lincat	243	+8	3.5	15.1
4.35	Locker (T) A	14½		3.6	-
61.80	ML Hldgs	39	+1	2.7	13.5
7.13	MS Intl	26		12.0	15.7
23.10	Mang Bronze†	140	+4	3.6	10.9
416.80	McKechnie	428	+12	4.3	15.8
177.60	Meggitt	82	+7	6.0	13.2
96.40	Metalrax	106	-1	4.4	17.6
20.29	Metsec†	131		2.9	18.2
169.60	Molins	518	-2	3.8	10.4
726.60	Morgan Crbl†	333	+15	4.8	16.2
24.40	Morris Ashby	288		3.6	
8.84	Neepsend	36	...	4.3	16.8
14.00	Neotronics	54		6.0	11.7
2.14	Newmark (L)	46	-2		
19.80	OMI Intl	44½	-½	5.3	
161.20	Oxford Inst	331	+1	1.9	19.4
233.90	Powerscreen	267		3.5	11.8
28.60	Prospect Inds	13½	-½	7.4	7.4
1.02	Radiant Metal	75	...		
35.80	Ransomes	63	+4½		
28.30	Record†	85		5.3	19.1
143.80	Renishaw†	294		2.9	25.8
122.80	Renold	186	+12	2.0	25.6
4.27	Richard (Leics)†	51		5.5	36.5
28.60	Richardsons West	79½	-1½	5.1	17.5
2,243.80	Rolls-Royce†	183	+4	3.4	32.3
146.80	Rotork	170	+12	3.2	17.3
23.40	Rubicon	136		4.3	15.2
245.60	Senior Eng†	81½	+½	5.2	13.3
36.60	Servomex	286		3.1	28.4
2,443.90	Siebe	571	+22	2.4	18.4
147.00	Simon Eng	94	-3		
40.40	Six Hundred	75	+1	2.5	
739.90	SKF 'B'	1158½	+37½		
1,371.30	Smiths Indt	482	-2	3.5	17.6
358.08	Spirax-Sarco†	482	+11	2.7	19.6
65.80	Sterling Ind	335	+1	3.4	21.1
1,755.00	TI	375	+6	3.8	20.7
8.51	Tinsley (E)	118	..	5.9	19.2
57.40	Transtec Tech	60	...	7.0	8.4
84.10	Triplex Lloyd	130	...	6.7	
35.80	Utd Inds▼	16	...	0.8	..
585.10	VSEL†	1488	+115	3.0	14.0
22.90	Verson	15½	-½		
609.80	Vickers	185	+3	2.4	19.5
103.90	Victaulic	235	...	4.3	12.9
12.90	Villiers Grp	11	-½		
210.90	Vinten	512	+1	2.0	13.4
240.50	Vosper Thorny	754	+12	3.1	16.2
214.80	Wagon Ind	463	...	4.8	23.6
563.40	Weir	287	+12	2.9	17.1
49.70	Wellman	41	+½	2.7	66.9
87.40	Whatman	380	+3	3.5	13.9
30.60	Whessoe	104	-1	9.9	7.9

ENGINEERING, VEHICLES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
7.36	AAF Inds	32	-3		
13.10	Airflow Stream†	153	..	3.3	15.0
141.80	Avon Rubber	533	...	3.9	23.2
840.10	BBA	206	+16	2.7	..
168.40	BSG†	57½	-½	7.0	35.9
12.40	Benson Group	9½	-½	4.3	13.0
47.40	Bostrom†	300	+2	2.5	17.1
26.30	Cawdale	12½	-½	1.5	12.4
31.80	ERF	324	...	0.8	
50.80	First Tech	327	...	1.3	18.9
2,206.90	GKN	636	+17	4.0	37.2
17,487.10	General Mtr†	2462½	+50	2.1	...
10,619.00	Honda Motor	1090	+19	0.4	...
429.20	Laird†	364	-10	3.7	17.1
7.00	Lobnitz	350			
1,804.70	Lucas†	209	+10	4.2	..
107.80	Mayflower†	54	...	3.2	22.0
38.30	Midstates	72	-3	...	10.0
27.80	Sytner	166	+4	3.7	18.4
1,185.70	T & N	224	+6	6.1	19.5
160.90	Trinity Hldgs	313	...	2.6	22.5

FOOD MANUFACTURERS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
2,583.00	AB Food	574	+27	3.5	9.9
117.80	Acatos & Hutch	274	...	3.9	10.9
297.20	Albert Fisher†	42	-1	11.0	14.3
18.60	Banks (S C)	210	-5	5.8	8.0
70.70	Barr (AG)	374	...	2.3	24.1
7.17	Bensons Crisp	39	+1	6.9	..
924.10	Booker†	412	+1	6.7	15.2
28.50	Borthwick	51	...	3.2	21.8
22.00	CPL Aromas	232	...	1.9	19.3
3,690.20	Cadbury-Schwpt	443	+1	4.3	14.7
14.50	Carrs Milling	212	+6	3.7	..
28.90	Craiswick	150	-4	7.0	12.3
13.70	Dalepak	118	...	1.6	..
973.80	Dalgety†	424	+4	6.2	11.9
4.65	Daniels S	56	+2	0.7	..
392.90	Devro	217	...	3.6	14.6
17.70	Everest†	70	+15	4.5	26.3
1.31	Fernsgard	5			
68.80	Finlay (James)†	69	-4	7.5	8.4
16.80	Global†	14	+½	4.5	12.8
19.00	Grand Central	48			
278.80	Hazlewood Fds	120	-5	7.0	7.5
1,228.20	Hillsdown†	177	+2	6.2	12.6
97.50	Hobson	25			
38.00	JLI Group	94	-1	6.4	13.2
67.20	Linton Park	382	-7	5.6	11.2
151.40	Matthews (B)	122	+4	2.8	14.7
447.10	Mtn. ED & F	174	+6	6.2	9.6
94.20	Nichols (JN)	236	...	3.1	15.3
1,230.50	Nthn Foods	214	+11	5.1	10.4
7.37	Nettlebm Fr	12	..		
4.44	Pascoe's	29			
81.90	Perkins Food	74½	...	7.5	12.5
3.57	Sentry Farm	63	...	3.7	8.4
30.40	Sims Food	88	+8	10.9	
1,587.50	Tate & Lyle	444	+16	3.7	11.0
20.20	Trent	212	+2	2.4	17.3
836.50	Unigate	357	-2	6.3	9.9
9,225.70	Unilever	1136	+18	2.8	18.3
11,612.90	Unilever (NV)	7228½	-78¼	3.0	14.6
1,730.50	Utd Biscuits†	329	+18	5.8	26.9
5.96	Usborne	6½	...		
14.80	West Trust	33	...	9.5	23.1
50.30	Yorkshire Food	113	-2	3.6	13.3

HEALTHCARE

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
343.00	AAH	382	+4	5.9	13.6
513.80	Amersham	889	-1	2.3	18.5
26.50	Amigon	57			
35.30	Assoc Nursg	214	-1	1.2	12.5
68.60	Bespak	271	...	4.7	13.9
28.10	Care UK	6½			
42.00	Celsis	70	...		
62.50	Chiroscience	92	...		
51.90	Cortecs	47			
81.40	Community Ht	246	...	4.0	14.2
58.80	CrestaCare	31	...	3.1	..
28.80	Enviromed	125	-1	0.2	..
9.31	Fortis Group	88	...	3.0	13.0
63.50	Goldsborough	145	+6	2.8	15.8
18.10	Greenacre†	10¼	+¼	4.1	13.6
11.40	Intercare Gp	40	-3	10.9	4.3
35.68	Isotron	285	...	2.1	..
251.40	Life Sciences	145	+3	3.5	14.4
290.90	Lon Intl	86	-5		
35.20	Nestor-BNA	47	...	8.4	11.6
4.34	Premier Health	1½	+¼		
36.70	Quality Care	262	-3	2.1	15.2
101.10	Scholl	150	-1	5.3	14.4
113.48	Seton Health	365	+1	2.5	17.5
11.20	Shield Diag	60	-1		
1,811.70	Smith & Nephw	148	+3½	4.3	16.4
1.40	Specialeyes	9			
266.90	Takare	213	-3	1.2	18.6
444.80	UniChem▼	260	-2	3.3	14.8
170.90	West Hlthcare	335	-10	1.7	..

HOUSEHOLD GOODS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
58.30	Airsprung	244	...	3.5	15.2
11.20	BLP Group	168	...	0.7	46.1
3.12	Bilston Battsea	37			
38.00	Cowell Pkr 'A'	94	-1	7.6	21.0
8.78	Creighton NI	190	...	5.1	13.4
51.80	Derby Group	156	...	2.5	17.8
7.05	Gaskell	145	...	3.7	..
9.81	Lionheart	5	...	5.0	
37.60	Maynon	190	+4	3.9	12.6
134.20	Ollerene Intl	251	+1	5.2	11.4
25.90	Osborne & Little	424	-4	1.8	15.4
111.50	Parkson Zoch	456	-1	3.8	13.2
99.80	Pearson Zch 'A'†	434	-2	4.0	12.6
2,765.80	Reckitt Colm▼	576	+11	3.9	14.6
53.80	Relyon	254	-3	2.7	46.4
99.10	Silentnight	214	-11	4.7	13.4
22.50	Stoddard	34	...	5.9	12.8
13.30	Tomkinsons	214	...	6.7	20.2
9.81	Victoria Carpet	145	...	3.9	7.8
100.40	Walker Greenbkt	104	...	4.1	18.6
414.80	Waterford Wedgwd	58½	+½	...	45.6
3.10	Wood (Arthur)	155	...	2.4	31.2

INSURANCE

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
558.40	Alex & Alex	1275	+25	5.3	.
3,675.00	Am Genl	1756¼	+12½	4.2	
60.10	Angerstein	89	+1	1.7	73.4
30.80	Archer	57	...	2.2	..
55.60	Bradstock	92	...	7.5	10.8
784.90	Britannic	414	+14	3.8	..
82.80	CLM Insce	96	+6½	1.8	..
3,516.50	Cmm Union	532	-14	6.0	20.1
46.90	Delian	92	+2	0.7	..
113.40	Dom & Genl	1668	-2	2.1	17.8
107.50	FAI†	36	-2	1.3	..
67.70	FBD IE	167½	+3½	4.1	7.8
56.30	Fenchurch Grp	158	+4	5.7	14.1
28.80	Finsbury Under	96	+5	1.8	61.8
2,586.60	Gen Accident†	571	-5	6.1	9.2
1,706.70	GRE†	195½	+5½	5.0	21.9
58.70	HCG Lloyds†	90	+3	1.8	75.8
164.50	Heath C E	250	+30	8.2	..
39.60	Hibernian	192½	-4½	5.0	7.2
20.60	Hiscox Select	102	+2	1.8	..
107.40	Independent	241	-2	4.5	8.6
592.10	Irish Life†	185	+5	6.3	17.3
158.50	JIB Group	124	-1	7.6	11.4
2,135.40	Legal & Genl	436	+10	3.9	17.3
3,496.20	Liberty Lfe†	1469½	+59¼	7.1	5.8
291.20	London Ins Mkt	104	+9	2.4	35.9
132.50	Lloyd Thomp†	171	-7	5.7	11.3
2,356.20	Lloyds Abbey	338	+9	6.8	10.2
62.70	Lombard Ins	176	+1	5.5	16.8
376.90	Londn & Man	312	+4	6.5	15.5
291.20	London Ins Mkt	104	+9	2.4	35.9
92.60	Lowndes Lmb	156	-1	6.0	9.8
3,492.40	Marsh McLn	4737½	-6¼	3.9	
38.20	Mastlead	96	+3	...	..
79.10	Nelson Hurst	175	+2	4.0	17.5
59.40	New London Cap	84	+5½	0.7	..
27.00	Orlett	111	-1	5.6	
15.80	Premium Trust†	80	-1	3.1	
14.80	Premium Under	112	+5		
6,143.30	Prudential†	323½	+5½	5.3	14.0
11.10	PWS	38	+1	10.4	..
417.90	Refuge†	268	+3	5.5	19.5
1,087.90	Royal†	290	-1	3.9	8.0
813.70	Sedgwick	140	+4	5.0	18.9
55.80	Steel Burrill	116	+1	3.7	...
38.88	Stace Hldgs	76	...	4.9	
2,734.40	Sun Alliance†	338	+7	3.5	9.4
27.20	Syndicate Cap	84	...	1.8	
109.70	Trade Indemnity†	60	...	1.9	13.4
1,015.40	Transatlantic	336	+2	4.5	30.4
377.20	Utd Friendly	460	+10	4.6	33.6
649.10	Willis Corroon	155	+18	5.4	16.1
8.11	Windsor	24	...		18.9

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
1,935.60	3i	332	+3	2.5	
44.20	Abtrust Emerg	88½	-½	..	
34.80	Abtrust High Inc†	87	...	8.0	...
97.60	Abtrust N Dawn	226	+4	0.5	...
889.10	Alliance	1764	+17	3.4	
323.80	American Trust	263	+9	2.5	
480.80	Anglo & O'seas	421	-7	2.1	
42.50	Baillie Gifford Sh	148			
385.80	Bankers†	184½	+½	2.6	
58.10	Baring Em Eur†	47		0.3	
168.80	Baring Tribne	329	+6	2.5	
11.40	Berry Starq	220		1.2	
98.00	Bessec Inv	165			
366.70	Br Assets	95½	+1½	5.7	
123.70	Br Empire Sec	93	-1½	1.3	
4.92	Br Empire Wts	37			
667.70	Br Inv	214	+3	2.8	
82.00	Brazilian	99½	+3½	0.3	
151.70	Brunner	237		2.8	
87.10	BZW Conv	131	+3	7.4	
72.80	Candover	325		4.3	
110.00	Central Euro Grth	55	+½		
38.10	China & Eastern	187	+6	2.4	
42.00	Contl Assets	192		2.0	
5.91	Dance Inv Inc	81		12.3	...
44.20	Derby Cap	288	+8		
18.90	Derby Inc	160		12.3	
9.48	Drayton Blue	75	-1	14.0	
47.00	Dryd Eng Intl	96	+5	1.0	
165.90	Dryd Far East	143½	+3	0.6	
204.30	Dunedin Inc G	638	+9	5.1	
35.80	Dunedin Japan	89½	+1		
51.10	Dunedin Smllr	306		3.7	
3.20	Dunedin Wts	40	+½		
256.30	Dunedin Wwide	765	-1	1.6	
897.60	Edinburgh†	305½	+5	3.6	
102.00	Edinburgh Incat	51	+1		
94.50	EFM Dragon	114½	+3½		
16.40	EFM Japan	164	+3		
571.20	Electra Inv	330	+2½	2.7	
176.30	Electric Gen	195	+1½	2.1	
8.12	Eng & Caledon	181		2.8	
1.45	English Scot	110½			
73.30	Eurodam Asset	294		2.0	
81.80	Fidlty Euro Val	157		0.2	
126.00	Fidlty Jap Val	84	-½		
37.40	Finsbury 'A'†	156	+1½	2.4	
26.60	First Spanish	73		0.4	
194.30	Fleming Amer	289½	-5½	0.5	
50.00	Fleming Chinese†	83	+1½	0.8	
111.40	Fleming Clavert	209	+1	3.3	
206.30	Fleming Contl	316	-2	0.9	
83.20	Fleming Entp	208	+2	2.9	
541.30	Fleming F East	358	-9	0.5	
45.40	Fleming Fledg	360	-1	1.0	
32.10	Fleming Hi Inc	99		5.6	
80.60	Fleming Indian	96	+3		
28.60	Fleming Intl	38½	+½	11.6	
429.70	Fleming Japan	248½	-½		
408.90	Fleming Merc	383	+4	3.0	
387.80	Fleming Oseas	292	+3	1.8	
4.74	Fleming Wts	39½	+½		
1,434.60	Foreign & Col	136½	+3½	1.6	
42.50	For & Col Inc Grth	99	-3		
128.80	Frgn Emg Mkts	128½	+1½	0.3	
67.70	Frgn Enterprise	72	+1	1.0	
137.90	Frgn Eurotst	229		0.7	
47.90	Frgn German	122		0.5	
370.60	Frgn Pacific	322	+6	1.0	
57.80	Frgn PEP†	132		3.6	
173.30	Frgn Smaller	165½	+½	1.5	
52.50	Frgn US Smlr	102	-2		
4.01	Fulcrum Cap	25			
5.39	Fulcrum Inc	48		23.2	
12.00	Fulcrum Zero	138½			
96.50	Gartmore Brit	193		2.4	
22.70	Gartmore Euro	133	-2	0.9	
32.90	Gartmore Smllr	91	-1½	13.2	
24.70	Geared Inc Inv†	107	-2	9.7	
27.70	Genl Cons Cap	153	+5		
39.10	Genl Inc	108		10.4	
93.80	Gov Asian Sm Co's	250	+9	0.1	
43.60	Gov Emg Mks	122		0.3	
37.20	Govett Am Smlr	149	+5		
18.90	Gov Glob Smlr	87	+1		
40.20	Govett High Inc	84		7.0	
720.60	Govett Oriental	401	+10	0.4	
238.60	Govett Strategic†	243	+9½	3.5	
47.70	Greenfriar	415	-1	2.0	
0.81	Gresham House	19			
147.30	GT Japan	236	-1	0.7	
80.70	H Govett Smllr Cot	122		1.0	
30.30	Hend High	116	+1	6.1	
47.30	Hend Strata	283	+2	0.6	
62.40	Herald	96	-4		
105.60	HTR Jap Smaller	105½	+½	0.5	
0.42	IBS Ent	14			
31.90	IBS UK Smlr	110	+3	3.2	
321.60	Inv Capt	130	+3½	5.0	
	Int Exotech	99			
	Int Wts	37			
35.50	INVESCO Korea	154	+1		
28.10	J Fry 2nd U	97	+1	8.4	
10.20	J Fry Euro U	86		6.2	
141.00	JF Fledg Jap	224	+4		
27.20	Jupiter Intl Grn	108		3.9	
166.90	Klwrt Chrl	206	-5	3.1	
36.40	Klwrt E Mkt	129			
33.30	Klwrt End	111	+1		
392.50	Klwrt Euro Pvt	78½	+1½		
26.50	Klwrt Euro Wts	26½	+1	..	
25.50	Klwrt H Inct	85	-3	11.2	
188.30	Klwrt O'seas	236	+5	1.8	
17.00	Klwrt Smlr	129	+1	3.0	
139.50	Latin American	155	+5		
165.60	Law Debenture	734	+5	3.3	
22.70	Lazard H Inc	100		8.0	
30.40	Lloyds Sm Cap	83	+4		
7.11	Lloyds Sm Div	29		15.3	
27.50	Lloyds Sm Pkg	112	+4	4.0	
52.50	Lon St Lawrence†	160	+3	4.9	
30.10	Lon & Strathclyde†	209		3.4	
39.70	Lon Smaller Co's†	87	+5	4.6	
65.20	Lowland†	288	+1	4.0	
226.50	Lydenburg	1431¼		1.6	
55.50	M&G 2nd Dual Cap	565			
13.50	M&G 2nd Dual Inc	135		22.2	
111.30	M&G Dual Cap	2620	+35		
16.70	M&G Dual Inc	290		30.3	
68.00	M&G Inc Geared	68½	+½	9.1	
75.20	M&G Inc Inv Tst Cap	30½	+½		
98.10	M&G Inc Inv Tst Inc	39		16.2	
176.70	M&G Inc Package	120½	+1½	5.1	
131.90	M&G Inc Zero Div	53½	+½		
43.10	M&G Rec Cap	32			
646.80	M&G Rec Geared	65	+½	7.5	
43.80	M&G Rec Inc	32½		15.3	
1,332.10	M&G Rec Package	133½	+1½	3.5	
94.90	M&G Rec Zero Div	70½	+1½		
25.30	M Currie Eur	110		0.3	
58.50	M Currie Pac	145	+2	0.3	
104.50	Majedie	199	+2	3.4	
10.70	Marlborough	52			
445.00	Merc Wld Mg	104½	-1½		
277.20	Merchants†	271	+4	5.2	
97.30	Mercury Euro Pv	84½	+1	...	...
35.10	Mercury Wts	30½			
31.90	Mercury Wld Wts	37½	-½		
405.10	Monks Inv Tst	522	+4	1.7	
53.20	Morg Gren Inc	134		4.6	
2.37	Morg Wts	49			
65.10	Morg Lat Amer	101½	-½		...
7.57	Morg Wts	58			
30.80	Murray Est	118	+2	2.2	
18.00	Murray Euro	60	+1	0.6	
397.20	Murray Incme	334	+5	4.4	
403.90	Murray Intl	335	-7	4.7	
10.10	Murray S/C DF	158	-½		
7.64	Murray S/C Cap	140			
6.56	Murray S/C Inc	82		10.2	
1.56	Murray S/C Uts	3350		4.3	
273.30	Murray Smaller	497	+5	1.1	
76.30	Murray Vent	509		4.7	
1.59	Murray Eu Wts	22			
1.05	Murray Eu Wc	17½			
5.70	Newmarket	16			
23.50	Northgate Inc	63	+1	9.0	
19.10	Northgate Cap	77	-3		
136.40	O'seas Inv Tst	358	+5½	1.2	
3.66	O'seas Wts	204	+1		
112.20	Pacific Assets	550	+16	6.0	
14.60	Pacific Wts	451	-27		
36.90	Perpetual Jap	191	-1½		
13.30	Personal Assets†	5700		2.5	
47.10	Pilot Inv	127	-2	1.5	
9.26	Piper Euro Sm	92			
330.70	RIT Cap Ptn	182	-7	1.0	
10.95	River Merc Am Cap	29			
7.90	River Merc Am Inc	104		9.6	
0.97	River Merc Am Wts	15	-½		
49.10	River Merc Cap	122	-4		
34.30	River Merc Ex Inc†	94	+1	10.4	
1.05	River Merc Ex IncWt	17			
11.90	River Merc Gld Inct	85		11.1	
9.45	River Merc Gld Pf	37			
22.90	River Merc Tst Inc	113½	-½	10.1	
1.39	River Merc Wt	22	+1		
31.40	River Merc Sm Co	125	-2	4.1	
1.70	River Merc Sm Wt	35			
	Robeco	412		3.1	
	Rolinco	420		1.9	
7.10	Schrod Jap	71¼	-1½		
110.00	Schrod Jap Gwth	68	-1		
10.20	Schrod Jap Gwth Wt	47			
0.30	Schrod Jap Wt	12	-¼		
65.30	Schrod Korea Fd	985¼	-12½	0.1	
5.44	Sch Korea Fd Wt	434¼	-5¼		
40.00	Sch Spl Zero Dv	105	+¼		
8.77	Sch Splt Fd Cap	31	-½		
64.00	Sch Split Fd Inc	113		6.5	
22.30	Schrod UK Grth	95	-1		
	Schrod UK Grth Wt	39	-1		
547.20	Scot	274½	-2½	2.9	
349.90	Scot American	156½	-1¼	3.9	
60.90	Scot Asian	299	-3		
5.66	Scot Wts	808	-5		
529.10	Scot Eastern	67½	-1	2.4	
811.60	Scot Mortgt	225	+6	2.5	
143.30	Scot Natl Tst	97½	+1	10.0	
54.30	Scot Value	108	-1	2.3	
298.60	Second Alliance	1555	+19	3.4	
264.20	Sec Tst of Scotl	82½	-1½	4.5	
45.70	Selective Asset	159	-1	1.1	
17.50	SHIRESCOT*	134	-2¼	5.0	
43.76	Sphere Inv†	38	+1	13.4	
106.30	St Andrew Inv	305	+1	3.2	
198.30	Temple Bar	346	+7	4.5	
109.29	Thrmtn Asian E	109	-2	0.6	
17.60	Throg Dual Cp	503	-15		
229.40	Throgmorton	75½	+1½	3.8	
505.50	Templeton Emg Mkt	125	+6	0.7	
302.40	TR City Of Lon†	146	+1½	4.4	
74.70	TR Far East†	159	+2½	4.3	
158.10	TR Pacific	115	+1	0.2	
163.50	TR Property	54½	-¼	3.3	
339.50	TR Smlr Cos	190½	-2½	2.5	
41.40	TR Tech Inv	114	-6	1.9	
36.80	Turkey Trust	211	+9	1.8	
88.60	USDC Invest	342	-1	2.3	
51.10	Value Inc Tst	118½	+2	4.4	
13.80	Wigmore	68		0.9	
876.30	Witan	232½	+5½	3.1	
26.30	Yeoman Inc	107		15.7	

LEISURE & HOTELS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
188.80	1st Choice	121	-2	3.6	
4.08	Abdn Sp H	34			
511.60	Airtours	450	+35	2.5	15.6
12.60	Ald Leis	18			
209.60	Alpha Airpts†	139	-4	3.6	
27.90	Arcadian	40			
21.50	Baldwin	113	+2	3.9	19.4
25.60	Barr & W 'A'	357	-5	4.9	10.7
102.70	Bluebird Toys†	234	+5	3.2	6.9
66.20	Boosey Hwks	338	-3	1.9	20.0
10.50	Brent Walker	3			
11.10	Bristol Scotst	183		2.0	
2.11	Buckingham Intl	1¼			
63.40	Chrysalis	236	+1	1.7	
151.60	City Centre Rest	79	+2	2.8	16.0
777.90	Compass Gp	327	+12	2.6	19.3
68.10	Eurocamp	259	-1	4.8	10.7
826.20	Euro Disney	108	-7		
17.90	Euro Leisure	2¼			
15.20	Fairline Boats	135		3.4	30.3
423.20	First Leisure	259	-9	3.2	17.2
2,192.50	Forte†	232½	-½	4.0	27.5
35.60	Friendly Hotels†	178	+1	4.0	30.0
7.24	GR Hldgs†	55	+¼	2.5	
3,056.10	Granada	526	+12	2.2	20.8
19.90	Hi-Tec Sports†	41		8.5	6.0
15.00	Hornby	181	+1	6.2	15.8
55.20	Jarvis Hotel	162½	-5¼	4.3	14.5
34.90	Kunick	14½			
196.80	London Clubs	278	+15	5.4	14.2
1,905.70	Ladbroke†	164	+7	2.7	28.9
3.79	Magnolia	66		0.2	
77.80	Man Utd†	638	+1	4.1	
582.10	Mandarin Orntl	85½	+7¼	3.7	22.3
32.70	My Kinda Town	13½			
21.40	Northern†	66	+3	5.7	10.9
85.00	Pelican Gp	92		1.5	
67.00	PizzaExpress†	125	+2	2.0	19.2
9.84	Prism Leisure	117	-3	4.5	8.3
8.44	Quadrant Gp	23	-2		
22.50	Ramsdens (H)	256	-3	2.2	38.4
3,392.90	Rank Org	410	+4	3.8	26.3
17.30	Ryan Hotels (£)	26½		4.9	15.1
268.30	Savoy Hotel 'A'	938		0.5	
401.20	Stakis	84	+2½	1.8	30.2
182.60	Stanley Leisure	340		1.9	19.2
1,050.40	Tanyong	280		0.7	15.7
4,244.40	Thorn EMI	994	-9	4.3	20.3
20.70	Tottenham Hot	129	+2	1.0	34.6
61.40	VCI	158	+5	1.7	14.1
86.70	Vardon†	120	-2	1.2	21.2
15.40	Wembley	6	-½		
8.88	Zetters Gp	135	+1	7.9	

MEDIA

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
110.40	Abbott Mead	346		2.1	31.3
46.70	Adscene	291	+8	2.8	20.8
207.70	Aegis Gp	25½	-½		
7.56	Alfred Radio	5½	-¼		
1.24	BBB Design	15			7.7
30.90	Barbour Index	183		5.8	15.8
6.11	Birkdale	6¼	-¼		
5.20	Black (A&C)	235		5.0	12.1
227.20	Blenheim Grp†	344	+3	5.3	8.1
18.10	Boose TV	177	-1	2.8	14.8
61.56	Bristol	377	+1	4.1	26.0
55.20	CIA Gp	135	-1	1.6	21.8
250.30	Capital Radio	344	+4	2.7	
2,049.20	Carlton Comm	830½	-22½	2.7	19.7
7.25	City of Lon	92	-1	6.0	14.0
66.20	Daily Mail	1365½	+6¼	1.4	32.0
579.10	Daily Mail A	984½	+9¼	1.9	23.0
196.50	Dorling Kindr	288		1.4	
789.60	EMAP	400	+16	2.7	24.8
4,589.00	Elsevier	622½	+1	3.1	20.1
259.50	Euromoney Pb	1648	+10	3.3	
4.49	Fitch	12		0.3	
450.40	Flextech	463	+6		
60.50	GWR Gp	869	-5	1.5	31.5
54.90	Gold Greenlees	170		3.9	20.5
9.70	Goodhead†	24		0.3	
47.20	Grampian	335		3.0	17.8
135.10	HTV Group	144		1.5	22.2
3.82	Hemingon K	38	-2	3.3	
59.90	Haynes Pub	383	-10	2.9	22.8
114.90	Hodder H'line	329	+1	2.0	53.6
17.20	Home Counts	172	-3	3.6	42.2
252.00	Independent	293		2.6	10.0
85.30	Intl Bus Comm	219		3.0	10.6
6.44	Intereuropet	125		7.8	
201.40	Johnston Press	151	-1	1.6	21.2
11.10	Lopex	21		1.5	23.7
39.20	MAID	47	-1		71.4
49.00	Metal Bulletin	495	+15	2.8	25.7
171.00	Midland Ind	124	-3	2.8	17.0
607.20	Mirror Gp	146	-1	0.9	7.7
115.70	More O'Ferrall	356	+7	4.6	20.6
4,828.60	News Corp	363	+2	0.6	16.5
1,664.40	News Intl	341	-8	0.7	12.8
7.65	Osprey Commct	30	-1	0.4	
3,256.20	Pearson	609	-10	2.7	20.9
79.80	Photopix	225	-5		
78.00	Portsmth Sund	650	+44	2.1	16.0
45.30	Quarto	252	-7	3.0	13.7
4,439.80	Reed Intl	790	+25	3.1	23.9
9,034.30	Reuters	482	+10	1.8	24.1
360.90	Saatchi	159	+4		31.0
53.50	Scot Radio	583	+3	2.3	22.8
208.20	Scot TV	432	-5	3.6	29.0
35.10	SelecTV	24½	-½		
61.50	Shandwick	45½	-½	1.2	6.8
38.20	Southnews	249		1.5	32.6
62.60	Sterling Pub	135	-1	3.3	19.5
7.37	Sunset & Vine	129	-2	3.9	
77.90	Taylor Nelson	35½	-½	2.2	21.4
467.80	Telegraph	346	+6	4.7	12.2
4,197.50	Thomson Corp	725		5.2	36.2
260.00	Trinity Intl	379		3.3	17.5
73.90	Ulster TV	704	-2	2.9	21.6
1,272.80	Utd Newspaprs†	521	-10	5.5	12.6
12.00	VTR	124	-2	4.1	
13.90	WMGO	21	-1½	6.1	10.0
843.00	WPP†	117	+5	1.1	16.8
199.80	Yorkshire TV	394	+4		

MINING

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
6.54	Alex Corp	100		3.4	6.8
889.60	Ang Am Coal	3531¼	+368¼	2.7	18.5
9,804.40	Ang Am	3778½	+90¼	1.9	35.2
1,659.70	Ang Am Gold†	6871½	+106¼	4.0	17.9
29.20	Anglo Pac Res	36	+½		
1,145.30	Ashanti	1365½	-9¼		
341.20	Ashton	122	-1	4.4	
15,160.40	Broken Hill	915	+11	2.3	36.3
42.80	Bamyhnk	286	-1		
425.30	Beatrix	452½	+9	4.0	35.2
3.66	Blesch	35		2.4	30.2
30.60	Blyvoor	127½	-3¼		
176.50	Bougainville	44			
2.50	Bracken	17½	+½	5.0	
67.50	Buffels	614	-27	9.0	
6.47	Bute	2¼			
4,994.10	CRA	839	-5	2.6	25.7
	Central Pacific	52			
31.60	Coal Res	43½	-½		
51.60	Coal Inv	88	+7		
15.70	Cons Murchison	352	-9	2.5	
5,750.60	De Beers	1512½	-6¼	3.6	15.8
103.50	Deelkraal	104	-4	3.5	9.0
26.30	Doornfontein	69½	-2½		
2,041.40	Driefontein	1009½	+19½	4.3	14.5
19.30	Durban	83½	-6½		
77.90	E Rand Gold†	169¼	+¼	12.2	5.5
111.10	E Rand Prop	83½	+1½		
58.70	Eastern Trans	68	+3	3.4	16.1
462.00	Elandsrand	476½	+9½	3.4	10.9
1,083.10	Eng China Clt	356	+2	5.7	17.1
1,152.70	FS Const	968½	+7½	6.0	11.8
15.60	FS Dev	70		1.8	
1,924.90	GFSA	1993½	+43½	1.9	29.3
294.30	GM Kalgoorli	55		2.6	30.0
3,247.90	Gencor	236	+4½	1.1	29.1
12.10	Gold Fields Prop▼	118		7.9	
76.80	Gopeng	107	+12	0.3	
16.30	Greenwich R 'A'	18½	-½		
18.50	Grootvlei	161½	-½	6.0	8.4
98.20	Gwalia Cons	95½	+4½	1.0	11.3
156.60	Harmony	582½	+5½		
339.40	Hartbes	303	-2	8.9	9.4
978.20	Impala Plat	1546½	+53½	1.6	47.2
171.20	Kidston	137	-13	8.8	12.4
200.90	Kinross	1115½	+6½	4.4	15.3
1,375.90	Kloof	992½	-27½	3.3	10.2
18.20	Leslie	113½	-2½	9.5	8.6
48.10	Lorraine	299½	-½		
17.20	Meekatharra	20			
0.60	Mhangura	3			
1,721.50	MIM	138		2.0	
3,675.40	Minorco	1631½	-6½	2.2	
102.10	Monarch	189	-7		
57.00	NSM	95	+2		10.9
1,035.40	Nth Bkn Hill	155	-3	3.4	22.4
	Nthn Gold	94			
184.30	Pancontinent	83	+4		
59.50	Peeling Tin	295	+36	0.4	
1,110.70	Placer Pac	178	+1		
11.40	Premier Land	5	-¼		
157.40	RJB	348		4.4	16.8
9,186.90	RTZ†	861	+29	3.0	24.5
5.30	Rockwood	33	-1		
387.70	Rand Mines	650		1.7	
414.30	Randfontein	677½	+17½	7.4	8.4
487.20	Ranson	245	+13		
2,183.30	Rustnbrg	1743½	+62½	1.7	
	St Barbara	75	+3		
61.00	St Helena	634	-7	7.0	
192.20	Sons Gwalia	270	+15	4.5	17.3
58.40	Sthrn Pacific	21			
528.60	Southvaal	2034½	+150	4.3	23.3
3.36	Stannum	1			
13.70	Sallomaon	105½	+2	20.5	3.5
56.40	Unisel	201½	-3½	3.0	15.3
7,256.10	Vaal Reefs	6090½	-34½	4.2	9.8
15.30	Waster Col Z	15		8.3	3.6
110.90	Walls Bkest	533	-3	2.9	20.1
462.80	Western Areas	1148½	+11	6.3	10.6
830.80	Western Deep	2995½	-40½	3.5	10.2
3,966.70	Western Mng	359	-3	1.1	54.6
114.60	Winkelhaak	940½	+18½	5.1	13.1
65.00	Zambia Copper	53	+5		
71.60	Zandpan	55	-1	8.2	12.3

OIL & GAS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
107.20	Aran Energy	41	+1½		24.8
23.00	Arcon Intl	40	+1		...
	Aus Oil & Gas	56	+4¼		
18.90	Aviva Pet	60			
97.70	Br Borneo	217	+4	4.1	10.2
13,032.70	British Gas†	300½	+9	6.0	
23,402.50	Br Petroleum†	425½	+11	2.8	23.3
18.80	Bula Resources	27½	-½		
1,698.00	Burmah Castrl	849	-8	4.0	16.9
55.70	Cairn Energy	86	+5		47.4
481.90	Calor Grp†	286	-1	5.5	13.8
167.40	Clyde Pet	41	+1	1.1	
19.40	Copley Res	11½	+¼		
43.30	Dragon Oil▲	2¼	+¼		
7.65	Edin Oil & Gs	22			23.7
1,869.60	Enterprise	380	+2	5.3	
60.80	Fairhaven Intl	25	-½	4.9	10.2
70.20	Flogas	285		3.0	11.8
58.20	Fortune	5½			
88.50	Goal Pet	66		2.7	21.9
49.80	Gt Western Res	44			
161.60	Hardy O & G	143	-7	0.9	18.3
76.10	Kell Energy	50		3.3	
1,428.80	Lasmo	148	+2½	0.8	
3.69	Lasmo Units	52		18.8	
457.50	Monument	68½	-¼		73.5
4.91	New London	#4			
5,413.70	Norsk Hydro	2362½	+68¼	1.4	
6.94	Oceonics	5	+1		
128.50	Oil Search	42	-2		
	Petroz	38½	+2		
76.00	Pict Pet	147	-1		
140.90	Premier	29½	-½		14.0
21.60	Presidio	85		7.8	
51.80	Ptrenchnl Rs	90			
47.90	Ramco Egy	251	+31	0.2	
387.00	Ranger	383	+18	5.2	
36,791.30	Royal Dtch Ft	6862½	-125	4.7	17.9
8,597.60	Schlumberger	3531¼	+37½	2.2	
6.10	Scott Pickford	52			
33.90	Seafield	66	+1		
23,437.00	Shell	707	+3	4.4	21.4
5.40	Sonnse Eng Sv	#116			
8,822.70	Total	2878¼		4.5	
12.90	Villiers Grp	11	-½		
1,473.30	Woodside	221	+2	1.7	
130.30	XCL	69	-1		

OTHER FINANCIAL

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
17.00	BWD	88	-4	5.9	7.3
33.70	Baltic Plc	123		2.0	7.8
5.40	Berry Bch Nbt	83		7.7	12.5
25.70	Brown Dolphin	125	+1	5.8	9.2
565.90	Caledonia	681	+11	3.0	16.8
56.60	Camellia	2265½	-34½	1.8	6.1
18.90	Carlisle	#22½		1.4	
165.60	Cater Allen	508	-4	6.9	10.5
195.40	Cattles▼	144	-5	4.6	16.1
9.36	Clrvdle	40			
12.30	Cleyhte	74		4.4	-
6.55	EFG	14	-½	0.9	9.1
22.20	EFT Group	58	-3	3.8	12.2
140.40	EFM	740	+10	4.1	22.2
209.40	Exco	170	-2	6.2	9.2
382.90	Gartmore	190	-8	2.6	22.0
236.70	Gerrard Natl	486	+11	6.2	14.0
247.30	Govett	352	-10	5.3	5.8
221.40	Henderson Ad	1030	+60	5.5	14.1
462.50	Invesco	176	-2	2.7	28.9
11.90	Investment Co	43		5.2	13.5
71.00	Ivory Sme	243	+2	3.9	18.9
2,093.10	Jardine Strat	221½	-8½	3.9	8.8
23.60	Johnson Fry	157	-1	1.2	
20.40	King Sinason	117	+5	9.6	11.6
161.30	Lon Forfaitng	160	-2	7.3	10.0
67.90	Lon Scot Bk	112	+1	4.0	17.0
745.30	M & G	985	+17	3.5	20.8
761.70	MAI	233	+5	4.2	12.7
	MAI 5.9% Cv Pf	88	-3½		
1,179.30	MAM†	649	+24½	4.4	15.1
16.50	Nat Home Loan	16		0.3	
307.20	Perpetual	1153	-8	3.9	12.2
723.10	Provident	540	+7	4.1	17.2
50.10	Rathbone Brs	257	-1	4.1	12.7
65.70	Rutland Tst†	26½		4.2	13.4
36.80	S & U	312	-6	4.4	10.2
33.20	Sharelink	197	+6	5.7	7.4
347.60	SIP Capital	127	+1	3.0	7.7
236.20	Smith New Crt	378	+30	3.3	3.2
4,546.30	Swire Pacfc 'A'	468½	-7¼	2.0	
13.00	Towry Law	85	-47	6.6	7.3
15.00	Trio Hldgs	27	-1	6.9	12.3
24.80	Union	93	-4	6.0	8.6
3.76	Western Selectn	25		1.2	

PHARMACEUTICALS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
282.60	Brit Biotech	585	-4		
38.70	Cantab Pharms	309			
157.20	Celltech	222			
62.50	Chiroscience	92			
51.90	Cortecs	47			
896.40	Fisons†	130	+4	2.6	
18,693.50	Glaxo†	612½	+4	5.5	14.8
70.90	Grampian Hdgt	102		6.7	18.9
493.70	Medeva†	177	+5	2.0	14.2
4.34	Premier Health	1½	+¼		
36.70	Quality Care	262	-3	2.1	15.2
167.80	Scotia	266	+1		
11.20	Shield Diag	60	-1		
5,921.10	SmithKline†	430	+17	3.6	16.7
5,174.50	SmithKline Uts†	395	+17	3.9	15.4
5,761.50	Wellcome	863	-6	3.3	15.1
8,116.70	Zeneca	858	-3	4.0	17.2

PRINTING & PAPER

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
24.10	AG Holdings	134	-7	5.3	-
74.30	API	347		3.1	21.8
2,296.80	Arjo Wiggins	281	+11	2.9	42.3
23.00	Aspen Comms	165		3.8	18.8
112.30	Bemrose†	353	-9	4.4	12.6
78.90	Blagden	109	-4	1.7	51.0
2,295.00	Bowater	459	+17	3.6	17.2
601.20	Bowater Inc	1643½	+62½		
74.30	Boxmore Intl	270	-2	1.9	16.5
143.40	Br Polythenet	475	+20	3.2	16.7
6.11	Br Thornton	38	...	19.7	3.3
174.00	Bridon Grp	126		2.5	18.6
709.20	Bunzl†	167	+3	3.1	19.6
42.90	Cantiki Indst	155	-5	3.6	12.2
1,877.90	Carnaud MB	2328½	+56½	2.1	18.1
24.30	Cropper (James)	294	-3	1.5	14.8
1,960.90	De La Rue	1016	-15	2.6	18.3
6.95	Delyn Grp	82		2.5	14.9
24.60	Dunblin Pack	105	+2	5.4	13.5
30.70	Fairway Group	96	+1	3.5	17.9
135.70	Ferguson Intl	335	+2	4.8	13.5
16.20	Ferry Pick	121		5.9	
1.74	Hunterprint	3			
80.40	Inveresk	153	+2	4.1	9.2
111.70	Jarvis Porter†	282		2.4	20.3
41.30	Low & Bonar	418	+7	3.1	16.7
49.80	MY Holdings	56½	+½	3.6	13.0
211.20	Macfarlane	263	-3	1.9	21.2
81.90	Physu	172		5.1	24.6
469.20	Portals†	723	+30½	2.9	19.6
340.90	St Ives Grp	344	+3	2.3	18.6
1,673.80	Sappi	1114½	+44	0.5	
10.00	Senl	13½	-1		
139.90	Sidlaw▲	204		6.7	10.1
814.80	Smith David	523	+15	2.6	23.3
1,925.50	Smurfit (Jeff)▼	359	-2	1.5	51.0
1.74	Somic	87	+1	4.0	9.2
3.63	Uni Group	34			
186.60	Wace	238		2.1	15.2
343.50	Waddington (J)	236	+11	4.5	11.5
276.80	Watmough	411	+18	2.1	26.0
31.80	Wyndeham	144	-3	2.5	18.2

PROPERTY

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
66.80	Allied Lont	96		5.1	12.3
143.80	Argent	262			
91.30	Aska	116	-1	2.4	20.6
218.20	Billont	246	+1	4.9	17.9
115.90	Birkby	238		3.2	17.5
3.07	Bolton Gp	16½	-1½		
41.70	Bourne End†	75	-3	1.2	
275.40	Bradford	191	+11	4.5	15.8
7.49	Brightstone	107		4.4	24.2
1,211.50	Br Land	395	+13	2.4	34.6
426.20	Brixton†	183	-1	5.5	16.3
270.50	Burford	91	-1	2.2	29.5
97.00	CLS Hldgs†	98	-1	6.2	
64.70	Cap & Regnl†	142		1.4	32.1
738.90	Cap Shop Ctrs	203	-2	4.0	48.9
8.27	Cardiff Prop	213	-5	1.5	47.6
81.40	Cathay Intl	29			
347.90	Chelsfield	458		1.9	53.6
92.20	Chesterfield	468	-14	3.3	21.9
46.00	Chesterton Int	90	-3	4.6	12.7
9.08	City Site Ests	59	-3		
11.40	Clarke Nickolls	7		1.8	14.6
6.45	Compco	77½		6.3	
39.50	Conrad Ritbt GS	33	+1	1.9	28.9
211.10	Daejan	1295	+5	2.8	15.1
4.00	Davis Estates	11½	+5		
2.83	De Morgan	6	+2		
42.70	Debenham Tewsn	102	-1	4.3	16.5
30.40	Dencora	163	-1	2.5	45.8
75.30	Derwent Hldgs†	242	-1	2.4	21.6
61.00	Development Sect	21	-½	0.6	...
23.60	Dwyer	46			
9.17	Elco	31			
19.50	Estates Agency†	335		4.0	39.3
5.13	Estates Gen	24			
135.30	Evans Of Leeds	102		3.1	17.8
28.90	Ex-Lands	26	+½	2.0	
28.40	Fiscal Prop	65		1.3	
26.30	Five Oaks†	27	+1½	2.3	11.4
3.91	Fletcher King	45		4.2	22.3
12.90	Folkes Group	42		4.5	
9.88	Folkes Group nvt	39		4.8	22.1
222.10	Frogmore†	439	+6	4.8	15.9
58.60	Grainger	244		3.1	-
579.20	Gt Portland	179	-4	5.8	30.1
152.50	Greycoat	121	+2		
141.60	Hambro Cntyw	43	-2	0.7	43.7
965.00	Hammerson†	341	-3	3.7	34.2
53.80	Helical Bar	324		2.3	11.6
49.90	Hemingway	30½	+½	1.6	52.4
4.00	Herring Baker	25		5.0	...
2.39	High-Point†	48	+½	1.3	
4,333.90	HK Land	161	+2¼	4.0	-
15.40	Jermyn	154	+4		77.1
3,065.50	Land Sec	605	-13	5.1	17.1
3.18	Lon & Metro	7			0.2
236.80	Lon Merch Sec	97		5.4	14.3
1,640.20	MEPC	403	-12	6.2	23.2
3.91	McInerney A	6½			
43.30	McKay Secs	181		3.6	17.9
11.40	Merivale Mre	67		3.7	10.3
22.90	Moorfield Est	34		3.7	
52.80	Mountview	1150	-6½	2.4	11.4
148.40	Mucklow (A&J)†	150	+5	5.2	19.9
13.10	ORB	1			
14.20	Olives Prop	29	-4		10.8
170.50	PSIT	140	-2	4.1	19.8
186.70	Peel	234	-2	2.4	
168.60	Pillar Prop	149	+2	3.1	
3.49	Power Corp	3			
8.51	RPS Group	71	+3	4.6	12.8
56.20	Raglan	34			8.3
32.20	Regalian	27½	+1½		10.4
20.60	Rowlnson Secs	165		1.4	10.5
19.30	Rugby Est	107		2.6	
58.60	St Modwen Prp	50	-½	3.0	12.5
63.60	Savills Erdn (J)	83	-2	5.4	18.3
21.60	Smits	57		4.9	9.2
96.50	Scot Mart	74	-1	3.4	8.6
4.52	Secure Retire	45	-1		
45.70	Shaftesbury	94			
886.00	Slough Estates	227	+4	4.5	48.5
60.30	Southend Prop	56		5.4	
23.00	Specty Shops	104		2.9	
24.90	Stanhope Prps	15	-2		
45.10	TBI	35			1.9
77.30	Tops Ests	167	-1	1.7	39.8
125.70	Town Centre†	122	+1½	3.9	18.1
58.40	Trafford Park†	86		4.6	
14.10	Trencherwood	17	-1		
1.95	UK Land	45	-1		
104.50	Warner	215		6.5	20.7
86.00	Warnford	224		4.4	18.3
2.01	Waterglade	#2			
127.00	Wates	64			
2.45	Whitney Mck	37	-1		
5.58	Wood John D	68	-2	3.7	
2.12	YRM	16	-1		

RETAILERS, FOOD

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
1,906.10	ASDA Group	65½	+2¼	3.3	15.1
3,054.20	Argyll	271	+5½	3.9	11.9
234.00	Brake Bros	458	+11	2.0	16.4
40.70	Budgen	25		5.0	15.9
3.83	Cullens	14½	+½		
1,342.40	Dairy Farm Intl	78½	+½	4.7	10.7
78.70	Farepak	348		2.4	19.8
103.50	Fitzwilton	41		11.3	
293.20	Fyffes	104	-1	1.7	17.8
128.50	Geest†	179	-7	5.7	
119.50	Greggs	1048		2.3	19.7
321.60	Greencore	384	+1	3.2	11.5
445.50	Iceland Group	162	+2	3.0	10.1
871.50	Kwik Save	593	+13	4.4	9.6
194.70	Low (Wm)	364		2.9	12.1
8.92	Merchant Retail	10½	+½		
1,007.60	Morrison (W)	141	+2	0.9	16.5
213.90	Nurdin Peack	168	+2	4.9	9.3
193.70	Park Foods	122	+3	2.5	24.7
2.45	Regina Hlth	1½			
7,582.20	Sainsbury J†	421	+13½	3.2	14.9
5,135.00	Tesco†	250	+3	4.0	12.5
113.20	Thorntons†	176		3.5	14.4
160.70	Watson& Philip	379	+2	4.8	15.3

RETAILERS, GENERAL

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
20.10	Alexon	35	-1		...
217.50	Alldays	211	-3	2.6	15.7
1,053.00	Argos Plc	351	+11	3.0	18.5
192.60	Ashley (Laura)	82		0.2	
115.30	Asprey	144	-13	5.2	7.1
72.60	Austin Reed†	235		2.9	11.8
62.10	Beattie (J) 'A'	133	-1	5.5	17.4
52.00	Benalls	124		2.0	43.0
51.60	Betterware†	50	-2	7.0	5.4
11.10	Blacks Leis	35	-1	8.2	
394.20	Body Shop†	206	-10	1.3	18.3
5,340.20	Boots†	512	+4½	3.8	16.3
18.00	Brown & Jacksn	2½			
328.50	Brown (N)†	225	-2	2.3	20.0
1,005.40	Burton	71½	-3½	3.5	33.6
23.10	Cantors	153		3.3	-
188.10	Carpetright	245	+3	3.6	20.5
273.10	Charities Intl	160	+11	1.5	29.9
52.50	Church	480	-2	3.4	24.6
16.30	Clinton Cards	96	-5	6.1	14.0
17.50	Cltry Casuals†	91	+1	5.9	26.1
185.20	Courts Furnsh	788	+36	1.0	40.1
3.04	Crown Eye	190	+25	6.2	9.3
275.20	DFS Furniture†	264	+10	3.4	-
741.30	Dixons Grp	186½	-5	4.4	19.8
6.96	Ely (Wimbldn)	580		3.8	27.2
9.44	ERA Gp	7½	-½		
19.20	Essex Furnt	168		3.2	-
173.20	Etam	264	-4	3.7	14.5
343.50	Fine Art Dev	431	-8	4.1	13.2
3.76	Fired Earth	66	-1		
13.30	Flying Flowers	73	-1	1.8	14.1
40.00	French Conn	250	+1	..	10.6
161.90	Frost Group†	330		2.9	33.3
13.70	Gieves	60		3.1	21.4
29.80	Goldsmiths Grp	136	+5	1.7	34.4
5,678.90	GUS†	564½	+9½	2.9	16.6
41.80	Hamleys†	183	+14	3.2	17.6
3.44	Hampden Grp†	23		5.4	66.2
424.80	Hse of Fraser†	165	-7	3.4	16.7
16.90	Hughes (TJ)†	82		5.9	13.5
3,161.60	Kingfisher	474	+7	3.9	12.5
21.70	Kleeneze	156		0.8	34.6
72.80	Liberty	325	-5	1.8	
364.70	Lloyds Chemt	308	+3	3.9	9.9
814.90	MFI	140	+1	3.6	17.5
11,416.90	Marks Spencer†	409½	+13½	2.9	18.2
279.60	Menzies (John)	501		2.9	12.3
59.70	Moss Bros†	351		2.0	13.9
948.00	Next	254½	+10½	3.3	15.6
1.65	OEM	27	-2		
24.20	Owen (G)	98	+5		29.7
16.60	Partridge Fine	75	-7	4.8	10.1
53.70	Pentos	16	-½		
65.20	QS Hldgs†	165		3.9	18.1
16.80	Rhino Grp	20	-1	3.1	19.0
27.70	Rosebys	140		4.2	16.4
1,651.30	Sears†	109	+1½	4.3	18.5
52.80	Signet Group	18	-3		6.2
1,306.60	Smith WH	469	+13	4.1	24.2
262.90	Sotheby	775	-2	3.6	33.4
906.70	Storehouse	216	+4	3.2	19.4
51.50	Stylo	177	+11	1.9	12.0
110.20	T & S Stores†	170	+13	4.6	12.1
70.90	Tie Rack	137½	+7½	1.6	16.3
3,578.90	Vendome	512		1.4	39.4
45.10	WEW Group	31	+½	2.8	-
9.76	Wld of Leather	81	+1	1.1	
62.20	Wyevale	162½	+7½	3.5	17.2

SPIRITS, WINES & CIDERS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
6,129.80	Allied Domecq	595½	+2½	4.7	14.5
202.90	Bulmer (HP)	385		3.5	22.2
73.50	Burn Stewart	124	+3	5.0	27.3
8,510.90	Grand Met	408	+1	4.1	17.7
9,399.20	Guinness	466	+1½	3.5	15.3
557.60	Highland Dist	438	+19	2.1	19.7
243.50	Macallan-Glen	209	-1	0.7	54.8
78.30	Macon Mrtn 'A'	675		1.8	27.7
239.50	Matthew Clark▲	523	-6	4.3	12.3
11.90	Merrydown W	98	-3	3.2	..
167.40	Taunton Cider	153	+1	5.4	11.7

SUPPORT SERVICES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
192.90	ALT Group	104	-6	6.4	10.8
982.80	ADT	715	+5		
11.30	Alphameric	42		..	32.0
88.50	Auto Sec	74	-2		9.6
981.60	BET Ord†	105	-3½	4.1	15.0
33.90	BNB Rest	182	-2	3.5	21.2
57.60	BPP	219	+4	5.1	15.7
38.20	ESM	137	-1	5.9	11.7
3.88	Black & Edg	4¼			
184.60	Borland	650			
44.20	Brit Data Mgt	181	-1	3.7	-
7.71	Brooks Service†	64		3.4	
58.50	CRT Gp▼	87	-1	4.7	21.4
90.60	Capita Group	166	+2	2.1	21.1
897.80	Chubb Sec	321		2.4	19.7
32.90	Comms People	228		1.4	51.9
34.10	Corp Services	61	+2	0.5	22.9
17.60	Coutts Cnsltg	52½		1.0	
229.20	Davis Service	224	-1	4.5	15.0
8.02	Dudley Jenkins	67		6.1	14.8
17.50	EW Fact	96		6.4	7.2
36.20	El Data Fnc	138		1.7	12.8
1,178.50	Hays†	291	-4	2.6	19.8
140.40	Hogg Robinson	202	-2	4.4	14.1
11.90	Holmes Protectn	27			1.6
7.75	Intl Cm & Data	12			6.1
454.80	ISS B Dlv	1750	+21½	6.0	1.9
42.60	JBA Hldgs†	129	-2	2.3	13.1
122.50	Johnson Clean	248	-3	5.4	10.0
45.70	Kalamazoo	120		3.4	13.6
33.60	Kewill Sys	277	+6	2.3	12.0
3.06	Laser-Scan	19			
20.90	LBMS	96	-2		
41.50	Lep	4½	+¼		
189.10	Logica	306	+10	2.0	21.6
131.00	MDIS	131	+½	6.0	9.2
21.60	MMT Comp	192		3.5	
66.60	MR Data Mngt	120		5.8	
99.90	Macro 4	438		5.7	12.3
1,358.60	Manpower	1825	+12½	0.2	
129.30	Micro Focus	888	+23		10.9
44.10	Microgen	112	-1	8.1	11.2
109.60	Misys	422	-7	2.4	
48.20	Mitie Gp	193	+6	1.5	22.6
16.20	Nord Group▼	22	-1	1.1	
7.20	OIS Intl	24		9.9	4.5
58.60	P & P	75	+2	3.9	18.6
65.80	Michael Page	110	+5	2.6	27.0
49.50	Parity	135		2.1	35.3
9.57	Pegasus	153	-7	4.1	15.4
4.05	Penna	84		6.0	
55.30	Proudfoot	70	-2	6.2	12.0
35.20	RCO	330		5.8	11.4
10.60	Radius	13			
10.60	Real Time	152	+2	3.3	11.5
78.80	Reed Executive	154	-3	0.8	
34.40	Reliance Sec	153	+1	3.8	-
2,315.50	Rentokil	237	+5	1.6	24.4
64.20	Ricardo Group†	145		5.2	17.6
26.10	Rolfe & Nolan	215	+15	2.3	33.4
140.70	Sage Gp	673	+13	2.0	
805.40	Salvesen (C)	278	-4	3.6	14.5
30.10	Sanderson Elec	79	+1	4.6	
76.60	Select App	13½			
396.30	Seme Gp	427	-5	1.0	25.7
176.40	Serco Gp	297	-5	1.5	27.0
5.73	Shiend Corp	94			
62.20	Sketchley	97	-2	4.2	16.1
39.10	Spo-Plus	182		6.3	17.3
22.70	Uhcaphn	112	-6		
2.37	Vistec	20½	-½	2.4	11.2
11.90	WSP Hldgs	51		4.7	29.9
74.30	Warner Howard	312	-13	3.2	14.7

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
24,390.50	BT	391½	+6	5.6	13.7
8,691.30	Cable Wireless	396½	+12½	2.7	16.1
70.50	Filtronic Com	169	+20	0.6	56.5
60.90	Securicor	1468	-20	0.3	36.3
745.00	Securicor 'A'	970	+24	0.4	24.0
864.90	Security Serv	789	+20	0.9	25.0
6,316.30	Vodafone	207½	-½	1.7	27.1

TEXTILES & APPAREL

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
3.30	Albion	88	+2	5.7	4.3
49.50	Alexdra Wt	147		4.9	15.7
178.00	Allied Text	510	+9	3.2	15.7
3.17	Alms	85		10.7	30.1
1.94	Antonaggr	34	-1		
241.70	Baird (Wm)	212	-6	5.3	17.8
4.52	Beckman (A)†	37	-2	12.1	-
139.10	Black (Peter)	252	+1	2.3	18.1
10.30	Bridport-Gndry	103	-2	3.7	18.7
26.20	Br Mohair	197	-1	5.4	20.2
2.50	Carrigan	24			
4.64	Cassidy Bros	36		4.0	10.9
80.80	Chamb Phipps	181	+1	5.0	23.8
171.70	Claremont Gar	318	-5	2.9	17.7
1,404.10	Coats Viyella†	201½	+½	5.1	17.5
479.00	Courtauld Text	471	-13	3.8	21.2
29.90	Dawson	133		2.8	
166.60	Dewhirst (J)	131½	+5½	1.6	18.6
4.41	Drake Heelt	36	+2	4.9	10.5
4.95	Drummond	28			12.5
2.03	Ebrel	16	-1		
8.64	Faupel	74		8.3	12.5
16.90	Forminster	148		2.7	
2.02	Foster (John)	18			
11.20	French (Thomas)	95		4.8	18.8
27.80	Gent SR	71		3.7	
19.60	Haggas†	50	+1	4.2	-
40.40	Hartstone	12½	+1½	3.3	
53.30	Heloise Plct	27	-½	9.3	11.1
53.60	Hicking Pntcst	230	-1	2.5	16.3
5.67	Honeysuckle	68	-5	5.7	-
27.10	Horace Small	87	-1		
17.80	Jacques Vert	187	-1	3.0	16.5
4.45	Jerome (S)	59		1.7	7.5
61.10	Jones Stroud	353		3.2	16.9
16.50	Lambert	134		6.4	12.7
109.30	Lamont†	363	+4	4.4	12.1
80.40	Leeds	279		2.7	14.2
22.90	Leslie Wise Gp	66	-1	7.6	13.9
5.92	Lyles (S)	82	-1	5.5	8.3
46.20	Marling	25½	+½	3.2	45.7
2.11	PEX	11	-1		
14.90	Parkland	168	-1	3.8	9.9
361.20	Pentland	100	+1	3.6	19.8
13.90	Parents	64	-2	3.5	
141.20	Readicut	72½	-2	5.8	12.4
11.50	Recrore	74		4.8	7.7
10.10	Richards	43		8.7	
1.85	SEET	46	-2		
97.40	Sherwood Grp†	87	-2	4.4	10.1
8.65	Shiloh†	148		3.0	9.0
52.80	Sirdar†	98		6.9	14.2
49.80	Stirling Gp	57		4.2	15.8
34.10	Strong & Fisher	20		6.2	13.7
17.70	UK Salevt	46	-1	7.1	11.3
8.03	Usher (Frank)	116	-4	7.5	8.8
22.10	Vivat	40	+3	3.9	10.4
7.78	Wercumr	104		3.5	15.1
25.70	Yorkylde	257	-1	3.0	11.8

TRANSPORT

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
5.59	Air London†	63		6.9	12.0
10,196.40	All Nippon Air	706½	-8¼	0.3	-
1,057.00	Assoc Br Ports	280	+6	2.2	22.3
5,166.10	BAA†	505	+9½	2.3	18.7
154.10	Bardonet	122	+2	4.2	
3,686.30	Br Airways	386	+17½	3.7	10.3
21.20	Clarkson (H)†	95		2.3	23.8
25.30	Dart	165	-4	2.8	17.6
1,151.00	Eurotunnel Uts	259	+6		
12.00	Fisher (James)	50			
132.00	Forth Ports	440		2.2	20.6
82.30	GRT Bus	230	-1	2.1	17.8
53.40	Go-Ahead	180		3.1	19.9
103.80	Goode Durrant	193	+5	3.9	15.1
41.40	IoM Steam	138	-1	4.0	10.5
20.30	Jacobs (J)	68	-1	3.0	
60.70	Lon O'Seas Frts	83		5.8	1.9
336.10	Mersey Docks	376	-5	3.1	18.2
1,212.60	NFC†	175	-4	5.0	36.9
12.40	Nat Express	306		3.1	17.7
410.20	Ocean Group	286	+20	6.7	13.4
25.00	Ocean Wilson†	63	-1	6.3	9.1
3,846.80	P & O Dfd†	639	+8½	6.0	19.8
137.30	P & O 5.5%	206	+1	3.3	
24.20	Seacon	98	+2	3.0	22.3
315.40	Stagecoach	216		2.4	21.5
653.30	TNT	115	-2		
319.60	Tibbet & Britn	723	-10	2.5	18.5
44.30	Tiphook	40	+2		
332.30	TDG	225	+10	5.3	15.1
31.30	Ugland	129	+4	2.3	
32.20	Utd Carriers	95	-1	2.1	

WATER

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
1,496.30	Anglian	505	+1	5.8	11.4
53.50	Mid Kent Hldgs	313	-2	4.6	10.6
2,077.50	North West	564	+18	5.2	8.3
489.30	Northumbrian	730	+19	4.4	7.8
2,050.60	Severn Trent	558	+10	5.0	8.0
105.20	South Staffs	1808	+8	3.8	11.9
631.30	South West	501		6.4	7.4
993.20	Southern	587		4.9	8.5
1,961.30	Thames†	494	+1	5.9	7.4
964.00	Welsh	653	-7	4.8	7.3
791.60	Wessex	314	-12	4.7	8.3
1,082.30	Yorkshire	539	+8	5.3	7.9

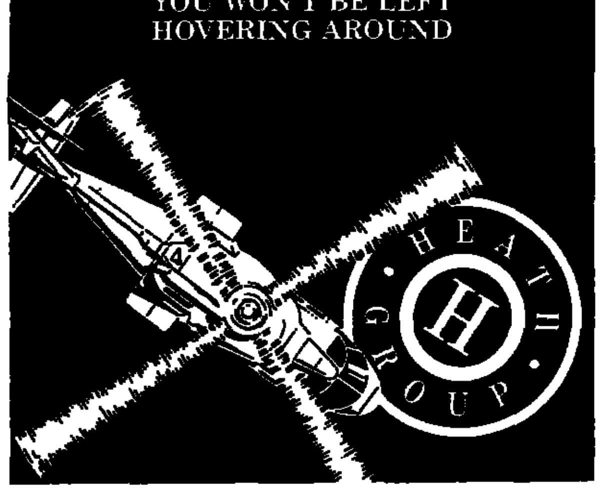
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Stock Outstanding (£m)	Stock	Price £	Wkly +/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
SHORTS (under 5 years)					
1,900	Treas 9% 1994	100⅛		8.89	.
2,350	Treas 12% 1995	101⅛	-⅛	11.87	5.48
218	Gas 3% 1990-95	96⅝	+⅛	3.04	5.78
2,500	Exch 10¼% 1995	102⅛	-⅛	10.00	6.26
840	Treas 12¾% 1995	105⅛	-⅛	12.05	6.55
770	Treas 14% 1996	107⅞	...	12.98	6.83
1,150	Treas 15¼% 1996	111⅛	-⅛	13.72	7.11
800	Exch 13¼% 1996	108⅜	-⅛	12.22	7.14
3,409	Conv 10% 1996	104⅜	-⅛	9.58	7.56
1,290	Treas 13¼% 1997	110⅛	+⅛	11.97	7.75
3,700	Exch 10½% 1997	105⅛	+⅛	9.96	7.78
5,550	Treas 8¾% 1997	101⅛	+⅛	8.60	7.99
830	Exch 15% 1997	117⅜	+⅛	12.76	8.10
3,550	Exch 9¾% 1998	104⅛	+⅛	9.37	8.21
8,150	Treas 7¼% 1998	97⅛	+⅛	7.48	8.19
1,200	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	95⅝	+⅛	7.06	8.21
970	Treas 14% 1998-01	116⅞	-⅛	11.99	8.34
835	Treas 15½% 1998	123⅜	-⅛	12.56	8.26
3,909	Exch 12% 1998	112	-⅛	10.71	8.37
1,900	Treas 9½% 1999	103⅛	-⅛	9.15	8.34
MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)					
3,050	Exch 12¼% 1999	113⅝	+⅛	10.78	8.42
1,252	Treas 10½% 1999	107⅝	+⅛	9.76	8.40
5,900	Treas 6% 1999	90⅛	-⅛	6.60	8.35
1,798	Conv 10¼% 1999	107⅛	+⅛	9.57	8.47
5,358	Conv 9% 2000	102⅛	+⅛	8.80	8.44
3,171	Treas 13% 2000	119⅛	+⅛	10.90	8.57
4,406	Treas 10% 2001	106⅛	+⅛	9.40	8.61
4,350	Treas 7% 2001	91⅝	+⅛	7.62	8.55
6,527	Treas 9¾% 2002	105⅛	+⅛	9.22	8.67
7,950	Treas 8% 2003	96⅛	+⅛	8.31	8.60
2,503	Treas 10% 2003	107⅛	+⅛	9.36	8.66
1,620	Treas 11½% 2001-04	112⅛	+⅛	10.19	8.79
549	Fund 3½% 1999-04	74⅛	+⅛	4.72	7.28
3,412	Conv 9½% 2004	105⅝	+⅛	8.99	8.62
6,500	Treas 6¾% 2004	88⅛	+⅛	7.67	8.53
4,842	Conv 9½% 2005	106⅛	+1	8.96	8.58
2,200	Treas 12½% 2003-05	121⅞	+1	10.26	8.90
3,900	Treas 7¾% 2006	94⅛	+⅛	8.23	8.52
2,000	Treas 8% 2002-06	95⅛	+1⅛	8.36	8.59
3,150	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	116⅛	+⅛	10.12	8.90
7,197	Treas 8½% 2007	99⅛	-⅛	8.55	8.54
1,250	Treas 13½% 2004-08	128⅞	+1⅛	10.50	8.80
5,321	Treas 9% 2008	103⅝	+⅛	8.69	8.53
LONGS (over 15 years)					
3,100	Treas 8% 2009	95⅛	-1⅛	8.36	8.52
5,273	Conv 9% 2011	104⅛	+⅛	8.64	8.51
5,151	Treas 9% 2012	104⅛	+1	8.62	8.49
1,000	Treas 5½% 2008-12	74⅛	+⅛	7.43	8.27
5,250	Treas 8% 2013	95⅛	+1	8.35	8.43
800	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	93¼	+1½	8.31	8.44
7,550	Treas 8¾% 2017	103⅛	+1⅛	8.49	8.42
1,000	Exch 12% 2013-17	130⅛	+1⅛	9.17	8.65
UNDATED					
1,909	War Ln 3½%	41⅛	+⅛	8.47	
475	Treas 2½%	29⅛	+⅛	8.58	..
INDEX-LINKED					
1,200	Treas IL 2% 1996	200⅛	+⅛	2.49	3.99
800	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	107⅛	-⅛	2.79	3.86
1,500	Treas IL 2½% 2001	166⅛	-⅛	3.34	3.79
1,300	Treas IL 2½% 2003	162⅛	+⅛	3.45	3.81
1,000	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	108⅛	+⅛	3.48	3.82
1,650	Treas IL 2% 2006	168⅛	-⅛	3.55	3.82
1,750	Treas IL 2½% 2009	152⅛	+⅛	3.61	3.84
2,100	Treas IL 2½% 2011	157⅛	-⅛	3.64	3.84
2,300	Treas IL 2½% 2013	130	-⅛	3.66	3.84
2,700	Treas IL 2½% 2016	138⅛	+⅛	3.68	3.86
2,750	Treas IL 2½% 2020	132⅛	+⅛	3.71	3.87
2,350	Treas IL 2½% 2024	110⅛	-⅛	3.73	3.84
1,380	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	109⅛	+⅛	3.73	3.87

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RESULTS AND STATISTICS

TODAY

Interims: City Merchants High Yield (Q3), Critchley Gp, James Cropper, Czech & Slovak Inv Corp, Emap, Filofax Gp, F&C German Inv Tr, Hewetson, Norcros, Queensborough Hldgs, Southnews, Vibroplant. **Finals:** British Inv Trust, Diploma, F&C Emerging Mkts, F&C Eurotrust, *F&C Special Utilities*, Ferraris Gp, Unigroup. **Economic statistics:** Balance of trade with countries outside the EU (Oct).

TOMORROW

Interims: Applied Holographics, Atkins Gp, Baring Stratton Inv Tr, Birkdale Gp, Cathay Int, China Inv Tr, CML Microsystems, Flogas, Gartmore Shared Equity, Gartmore Value Investments, Kewill Systems, Lowndes Lambert Gp, Northern Foods, NSM, Parkside Int, Pilkington, Quilligotti, Readicut Int, Sterling Inds, Thorn EMI, Vodafone Gp, Whitecroft. **Finals:** Abtrust High Income Trust, Anglo Irish Bank Corp, Cosalt, McLeod Russel, Moran Hldgs, Tadpole Technology, West Trust.

WEDNESDAY

Interims: Asprey, Chloride Gp, Courtaulds, DCC, First Ireland Inv, John Foster & Son, National Grid, Reed Executive, Sharelink Investment Services, Wagon Ind, John Waddington, Yorkshire Water. **Finals:** ABI Leisure, Amber Ind, ANZ Banking, Granada Gp, Morland & Co, Tate & Lyle.

THURSDAY

Interims: Allied Domecq, Babcock International Gp, Bakyrchik Gold, Business Post Gp, Caledonia Invs, CPL Aromas, Chamberlain Phipps, City of London PR, Cleveland Tr, Dart Gp, Fleming High Income, IMP Int, Johnson Matthey, Kinta Kellas (Q3), MacDonald Martin Dist, Martin Currie Euro Inv Trust, ML Holdings, Osborne & Little, RPC Gp, Secure Retirement, South West Water, Storehouse. **Finals:** Concentric, Fenchurch, Kleinwort European Privatisation Inv Trust, Scottish Investment Trust, Tomkinsons. **Economic statistics:** New earnings survey 1994 part E: analyses by region; analyses by age gp, engineering sales and orders at current and constant prices (Sep), energy trends (Sep), new vehicle registrations (Oct).

FRIDAY

Interims: Bristol Evening Post, Drayton Blue Chip Tr, Ideal Hardware, James Latham, Rothmans Int, Stoddard Sekers, Syltone, Vistec Gp, Welsh Water. **Finals:** Abtrust Emerging Economies, London Securities, TR Far East Income Tr. **Economic statistics:** CBI monthly trends enquiry (Nov).

COMPANIES — PHILIP PANGALOS



Pilkington recovery expected

PILKINGTON: Sir Antony Pilkington, chairman of the world's biggest flat glass maker, is expected to provide firm evidence of recovery in the group's recession-battered markets when he announces first half profits tomorrow.

Kevin Cammack at Smith New Court has pencilled in "clean" interim pre-tax profits of £46 million (£30.5 million), although he says the headline figure may reach £66 million thanks to an estimated £20 million from an exceptional disposal gain. The interim dividend should be maintained at 1.5p.

SNC says European and American markets held up well and although prices were still weak, they should stage a recovery. Argentina and Brazil also showed they were strong markets. Profits will be boosted by lower interest costs, with asset disposals expected to trim the interest charge to £30 million, from £41 million, though redundancy charges are expected to rise to £8 million, from £5 million).

STOREHOUSE: Accelerating sales through the autumn should have worked wonders for the B*h*S to Mothercare retailing group. Interim pre-tax profits, due on Thursday, are forecast to climb to £24 million (£18 million), according to UBS, with a dividend of 2.7p (2.5p) predicted. Sales are forecast to be up by about 7 per cent.

EMAP: Evidence of an upturn in advertising revenue is expected to boost half year figures from the publisher when interim figures are released later this morning.

Estimates of pre-tax profits range from £20.7 million to £21.8 million (£16.6 million), with an interim dividend of 2.5p (2.25p) predicted. Brokers say there have been signs of improvement in advertising revenues in both consumer and business magazines recently. Combined with the elimination of last year's cost of reorganising the group, this will have benefited the printing arm.

NORTHERN FOODS: Higher milk prices and restructuring charges are likely to take a toll on Northern Foods' interim results tomorrow. UBS has pencilled in first half pre-tax profits of £57 million (£72.1 million), though the interim dividend should be at least maintained at 3.5p. Market forecasts range from £55 million to £67 million. UBS says the short-term impact of the raw mill price rise may now be discounted, but there is still plenty of pressure on liquid milk margins.

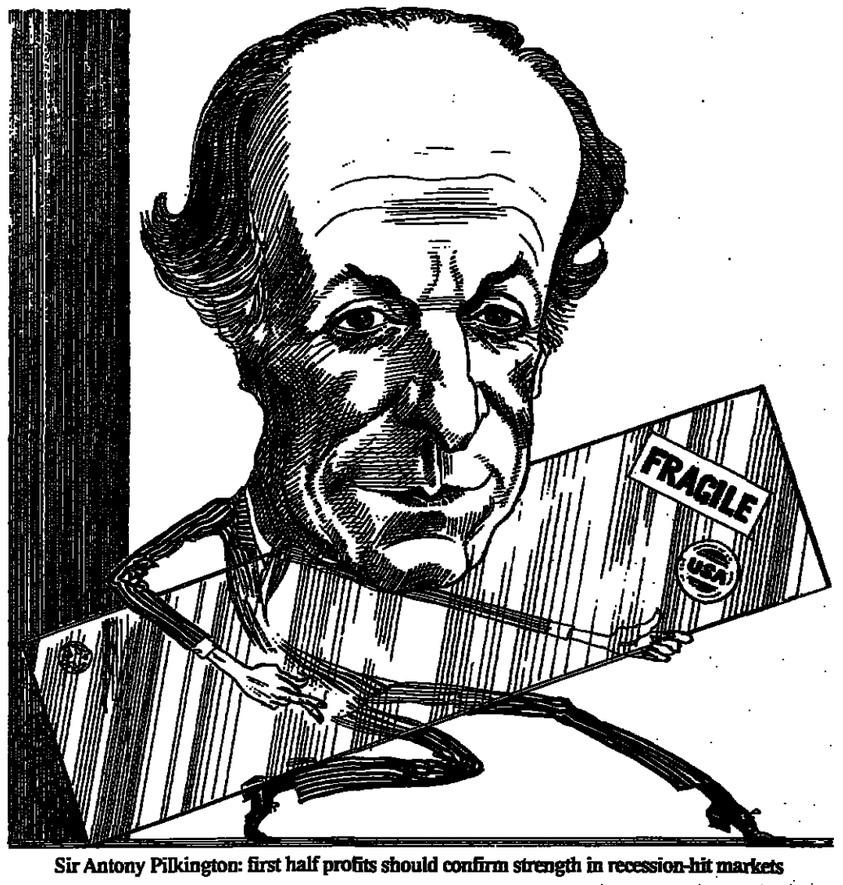
VODAFONE: Vodafone's first-half figures, due tomorrow, will include the heaviest period of overseas start-up losses, taking a toll on interim earnings, though the full year looks brighter against a background of rapidly expanding demand. Vodafone leads the UK mobile phone market and Katie Still at NatWest Securities is looking for interim pre-tax profits to climb to £182 million (£174 million). Earnings are seen remaining flat at 3.9p a share, though an improved dividend of 1.6p (1.37p) is predicted. NatWest says the group's core UK operations continue to enjoy very strong subscriber growth with the number of users standing at 1.45 million, some 54 per cent greater than a year ago. NatWest estimates that first-half start-up losses amounted to £15 million, the heaviest for a six month period, and are seen rising to £38 million for the full year with the build-up of Australian and German activities.

TATE & LYLE: The sugar and sweeteners group is expected to see full year pre-tax profits, due on Wednesday, advance to between £263 million and £270 million (£222.5 million), helped by a buoyant performance from its sweeteners side in the US and Europe. There should be a strong rise in profits from the group's high fructose corn syrup sweeteners and starches, reflecting an excellent performance from Staley in the US, due to buoyant demand and a tight supply situation. A full year dividend of 14p (13p) is predicted.

Tate's sweeteners business in Europe, Amylum, will have had a good year with improved margins as cereal raw material prices fall and demand for starch picks up, while by-product prices such as wheat gluten move higher. Sugar operations will have had a less exciting year, with profits likely to be down slightly.

ALLIED DOMECQ: The Carlsberg Tetley brewing, drinks and food giant reports half-year figures on Thursday which are likely to show a moderate improvement to £320 million (£285 million), according to Hoare Govett. Forecasts range from £314 million to £336 million. An interim dividend of 7.7-7.8p (7.3p) is expected. Analysts will focus on Pedro Domecq, the Spanish drinks group, following its takeover by Allied, and looking for firmer prices in Europe.

GRANADA: Analysts are looking for a strong rise in full-year profits from Granada, due on Wednesday, with all businesses performing strongly and TV advertising revenue likely to accelerate before Christmas. NatWest has pencilled in final pre-tax profits of £253 million (£176 million). Television is likely to be one of its best performers thanks in part to swallowing LWT. The rental division is likely to have enjoyed the smallest growth, with the US business suffering from increased retail credit competition. Even so, the dividend is expected to rise to 10p (8.75p).



Sir Antony Pilkington: first half profits should confirm strength in recession-hit markets

Focus falls on Bundesbank

GERMAN producer price and money supply figures for October should set the scene for Thursday's Bundesbank council meeting and indicate whether remarks from Otmar Issing, a director of the bank, about continued scope for German easing were made in earnest.

After the Fed's 0.75 points interest rate rise last week, German interest rates are now below US rates, making dealers more reluctant to sell the dollar, but unease remains in currency markets.

Forecasts for German inflation and growth in the targeted M3 money supply both point to deceleration. Annualised M3 growth, due today, is expected to drop from 7.8 per cent in September to 7.5 per cent for October. Consumer prices for November, out later in the week, are forecast to show west German inflation dropping to an annual 2.7 per cent. The Bundesbank has shown a flair in the past for wrongfooting the market, which expects key rates to be left unchanged.

The oil price could also come to the fore this week as ministers of the Organisation of Oil Producing and Exporting Countries gather in Indonesia, for talks on next year's output plans. Brent blend crude for January delivery rose 8 cents to $16.71 a barrel in London on Friday.

The latest snapshot of Britain's trade gap with countries outside the European Union, due today, is expected to show a modest narrowing of the deficit to about £320 million. On Friday, the CBI publishes its November monthly industrial trends inquiry, providing late guidance on inflation expectations for the Chancellor's planning for next week's Budget.

On the eve of the Thursday's Thanksgiving holiday in America, the bond market will be watching for the US durable goods data for October, which are expected to show an 0.3 per cent gain, up from September's 0.1 per cent rise.

COLIN NARBROUGH

The Sunday Times: **Buy:** Tate & Lyle, Compass Group, Emap, Wellcome; **Avoid:** Sharelink. *The Sunday Telegraph*: **Buy:** Lowndes Lambert, Inspec, Gencor; **Sell:** Sharelink, Hambros, Land Securities. *The Independent on Sunday*: **Buy:** Enterprise Oil, Wilshaw, Kunick, Granada; **Sell:** Kwik Save. *Observer*: **Buy:** James Dickie, Dewhirst; **Sell:** Willis Corroon, Meyer International.

Taxes drive Jaguar off the autostrada

BY KEVIN EASON, MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

JAGUAR has challenged the European Commission to end protectionism that puts up the cost of its cars by almost a quarter in Italy.

The luxury car maker is demanding talks with officials in Brussels to find out how the Italian government can flout EC competition rules by imposing extra taxes on foreign competitors.

The Italians have put duty on all cars with engines of two litres or above; they allow companies tax breaks on the smaller models. That means Jaguar's saloons are taxed at a rate 15 times higher than domestic competitors from the huge Fiat group, a move described by Jaguar as "a very serious infringement of both the EC treaty and the whole concept of the single market".

Nick Scheele, Jaguar's chairman, has written to members of the European Parliament: "This system discriminates against cars from other member states. Such measures are a threat to British jobs and investment in the British motor industry."

Fiat, Europe's sixth biggest car manufacturer, accounts for almost the entire Italian motor industry, owning Alfa Romeo, Lancia, Maserati and Ferrari.

Only Ferrari relies entirely on engines bigger than the tax threshold.

Cars made by one of Jaguar's biggest competitors, Maserati, use engines of 1,999cc but have twin turbochargers to boost power to Jaguar levels while escaping the punitive tax.

Imports account for 92 per cent of models with engines above two litres in Italy, mainly from other European Union nations, particularly Britain and Germany. Jaguar sells about 600 cars a year in Italy, a figure which is dropping fast as its big saloons are taxed off Italian roads.

Lloyd's risks court fight on rule change

BY SARAH BAGNALL, INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

LLOYD'S of London faces a challenge in the High Court over a proposed change to its rules that will enable it to collect direct any litigation proceeds won by names.

In an unprecedented move, all the members' action groups — representing 22,000 litigating names — have joined forces to fight the planned change. The 30 action groups are trying to recover losses of more than £3.5 billion.

Lloyd's has sought views on the proposed changes to its by-laws and the consultation period ended on Friday. Lloyd's ruling council is due to debate the issue at its next meeting, on December 7.

Michael Deeny, chairman of the Gooda Walker Action Group, will chair the newly formed group, the Litigating Names' Committee. He said: "We have worked long and hard to obtain justice for our names. We are confident that the High Court will declare these changes unlawful and we urge Lloyd's to abandon them. The priority of the Council of Lloyd's should be a just and equitable settlement, not forcing names to engage in fresh legal battles."

The action groups have obtained opinion from three QCs. Geoffrey Vos, who successfully argued the names' case in the Gooda Walker action, Kenneth Rokison, who appeared for the Lloyd's agents in the Outhwaite case, and Nicholas Warren, who represented the names in the Outhwaite case.

The QCs have advised names that Lloyd's has the right to change the premium trust deeds, through which Lloyd's hopes to obtain any litigation proceeds, but not to depart totally from their original intention. Furthermore, the change may be in breach of insolvency law by making Lloyd's a preferential creditor.

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Abbey chief seeks more accountable societies

By Robert Miller

THE lack of accountability of building society boards to their ordinary members will come under fire today from Peter Birch, chief executive of Abbey National, when he gives evidence to the Commons Treasury Select Committee. Geoffrey Lister, chief executive of the Bradford & Bingley Building Society, will also appear.

The Commons committee is to take three days of evidence on building societies as part of its ongoing inquiry into financial services. Tomorrow, the Nationwide will give evidence, followed on Wednesday by the Staffordshire and the Building Societies Association. After hearing the evidence, the committee may produce a report.

Mr Birch has consistently said building societies appear to want more powers to diversify into new areas of business but without any increased accountability to members. He said that if societies wish to *adopt this strategy, they* should convert and become public companies quoted on the stock market, which the Abbey National did in 1989.

He stressed: "This is not a matter of sour grapes on our part. Most people still think of us as a building society and I want to make sure the integrity of the movement is maintained. If you look at the US savings and loans institutions you can see why. They were given almost unlimited powers to diversify into all sorts of businesses in the 1970s and the subsequent failures have cost the American taxpayer billions of dollars."

Mr Birch is also expected to outline to MPs on the committee Abbey National's views on how societies should be more accountable to their members.

He said: "We think that societies should have to write to their members at least once a year to tell them what their rights are. As a movement, building societies have free reserves of more than £16 billion. That money belongs to members who should be informed annually what their share in a society is worth."

In view of the merger mania that has gripped the building society sector since the announcement earlier this year that Lloyds Bank had bid £1.8 billion for the Cheltenham & Gloucester, Mr Birch believes more stringent rules in communicating such bids to members should be introduced.

He added: "At the moment it is proposed that societies *should report any such approaches* at the next annual meeting. That is ludicrous. I think on receiving an approach for a merger or takeover, the society's board should meet and communicate the offer terms to its members within 48 hours."

But Mr Lister does not believe there is a lack or shortfall of accountability. He said: "The issue of accountability has been raised by some in the banking community who see building societies as serious competitors in a financial services market with an oversupply of providers.

"The ability of societies to take a longer-term strategic view, without the constraints imposed by the need to satisfy equity holders in the form of dividends and share price, is clearly feared by the banks."

Both the Bradford & Bingley and the Building Societies Association will oppose consultative committees or what the Treasury terms "ordinary member" directors. But the Treasury has made clear in its current second-stage review of the building socities movement it wants more accountability to ordinary members.



Consistent critic: Peter Birch says societies wanting to diversify should seek a flotation



Lister: "banks fear us"

Blow for BT as ban stays

By Carl Mortished

BRITISH Telecom's ambition to compete with cable companies in the supply of television services received a severe setback last night when the President of the Board of *Trade ruled out lifting the ten*-year ban on BT's entry into television broadcasting.

Michael Heseltine spoke out against a Trade and Industry Select Committee recommendation that the broadcast ban, imposed in 1991, should be lifted before 2001. "That is not going to happen," said Mr Heseltine on the BBC's *Money Programme*.

BT wants to deliver a range of services, including home *shopping and television and* film services down its telephone wires. More ambitious plans, involving a £15 billion investment in linking all BT customers with fibre-optic cables, depend on a lifting of the *broadcast ban*.

The ban was imposed to allow the cable industry the chance to develop its own network, but BT objected when the cable companies started to supply telephone services. Re*ferring to the cable companies*, Mr Heseltine said there was effectively a contractural relationship upon which people had invested millions: "I've made it absolutedly clear, we will not break the Government's word."

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Portillo to confirm pay deals warning

PAY settlements in Britain are showing a further rise, new evidence on wage deals says today. Michael Portillo, the Employment Secretary, is likely to confirm a warning he gave last week in a speech to the Institute of Directors tomorrow. Then, he warned British industry about the *dangers of rising earnings, echoing concern from leaders of* the CBI, and others, about the rising level of pay settlements.

In advance of that, evidence on wages published today by Incomes Data Services, the independent pay analyst, confirms the initial signs of a pick-up in pay which such pay monitors as the CBI identified as the autumn wage bargaining round under way. IDS says "the trend in pay settle*ments since the start of the autumn shows a move upwards* in the general level of increases". Two thirds of pay deals since September gave rises of 3 per cent or more. For the first time in more than three years, no pay freezes are recorded.

Late payers 'improve'

LATE payment of bills remains a big problem for many small and medium businesses even though the situation is improving, according to a survey by the Confederation of British Industry, covering 419 firms nationwide and comparing the results with a similar CBI survey published in 1990. It shows that the average time taken to pay a bill, set *at 30 days by the overwhelming majority of firms, has fallen* to 52.8 days from 60 days previously.

World Bank chief to quit

ERNEST Stern, one of the most powerful officials at the *World Bank and a big force in global economic* development, said he plans to leave the organisation to join JP Morgan, the Wall Street bank. As managing director of the World Bank, Mr Stern, 61, has played a leading role in determining how the organisation hands out billions of dollars in loans each year to developing nations and the former communist bloc.

First gold ecu minted

THE Isle of Man today launches the first legal tender ecu coin to be struck in gold. The coin has a face value of 75 ecus (£54). It has been approved by Buckingham Palace and will be limited to a worldwide issue of 2,000. The ecu bears an effigy of the Queen and 12 stars symbolising the countries of Europe. It celebrates 21 years of the Isle of Man working with Pobjoy Mint. Together, they have introduced several coin-making innovations, including the first braille coin.

Workers seek control

MOST workers want to be involved in appraising their managers, according to a new survey today. They also want to have more choice in organising their own working time, said the poll, by the Manufacturing Science and Finance *Union. A survey of 470 firms found widespread dissatisfac*tion with new management techniques that promised a bigger level of control over work. Nine in ten of those questioned felt nothing had changed or the situation had worsened.

BSkyB attracts interest

BSKYB, the satellite television group that plans to be listed on the London and New York stock exchanges next month, said that, as of Saturday, more than 200,000 people had registered an interest in the proposed flotation. The UK retail offer opens on Friday when a prospectus and mini-prospectus will be published. Members of the public who still wish to register should contact one of the 12 share shops being advertised in the national press.

Relief proposed for airports

By Marianne Curphey

AN EXTRA 30 million passengers a year could use London's airports if two "feeder-reliever" airports were developed to take pressure off Heathrow and Gatwick, the Adam Smith Institute says today.

The free-market thinktank suggests RAF Northolt, presently used by the royal family, VIPs and military aircraft, could relieve congestion at Heathrow, six miles away, by becoming a base for business and small commercial aircraft.

Redhill, the 60-year-old aerodrome near Gatwick, and now the subject of a planning inquiry, should be upgraded as a feeder-reliever airport. Smaller aircraft serving regional UK cities could be diverted to land there and at Northolt.

The report, *Plane Commonsense*, says the Government must make a decision on runway provision for south-east England urgently if London is not to lose the benefits of new business resulting from deregulation and the European single market.

The Civil Aviation Authority (CAA), however, dismissed the proposal, saying Redhill was too close to Gatwick to allow both to operate simultaneously, and the development of Northolt depended on *whether any Ministry of De*fence cuts would reduce the number of aircraft using it.

BAA, which owns Heathrow and Gatwick, said transferring general aviation — private flights and executive aircraft — to *Redhill* and Northolt would free landing slots at the larger airports.

A spokesman said, however: "Feeder airports will only provide a small amount of extra runway and terminal capacity. We do not need extra runway capacity, but we are short of terminal capacity, which is why we believe the development of Terminal 5 at Heathrow is so important."

It says that by using the airport more efficiently, it can squeeze thousands more aircraft movements out of the runways without the need for the 3,500 yards of concrete a third runway would require.

The Government is expected *to reveal its plans for the south* east in the new session of Parliament.

Keith Boyfield, the report's author, said Northolt and Redhill were underused assets which could be developed quickly. "They would be less controversial than the options of building new runways at Gatwick, or at Heathrow."

The Institute says expanding Luton and Stansted would not work because they are too far from Gatwick and Heathrow to allow passengers to change aircraft easily. The Government should grant permission for Redhill to develop new facilities for 2.5 million passengers, the report says, allowing an extra 8 million people to use Gatwick as its single runway became more efficiently used.

A CAA spokesman, however, said Redhill's approach and departure routes would *come into contact with* Gatwick. "One could only be developed at the expense of the other," he added.

Plans to develop Northolt have been turned down twice already, and opinion is divided over the environmental *impact of transferring passenger* between airports by road.

Ninety airlines, representing the majority of domestic and international airlines using British airports, have thrown their weight behind plans to build a fifth terminal at Heathrow.

No escape from the cycle's logic

GILT-EDGED

The economic cycle explains much of the gilt-edged market's absolute and relative performance so far *this year and suggests tough* times for gilts next year. Yet this simple analytical tool has been sadly neglected.

Consider this stylised version of a three-stage economic upswing. The first stage is recovery. Growth surges, partly because of pent-up demand; inflation falls further, thanks to subdued labour costs; short rates are steady, but bond yields rise sharply as real yields respond to stronger real growth and an increased demand for capital.

Stage two is expansion. Growth is strong, but slows to around its long-run average; inflation fears grow, as capacity pressures increase; short rates rise rapidly and long rates more slowly.

The final stage is overheating. Growth is around its long-run average, but inflation gathers pace; short rates rise slowly, but bond yields have probably peaked, anticipating the move into recession.

Among G7 nations, Japan is just in recovery; Germany, France and Italy are firmly in recovery; the UK and Canada are moving from recovery to expansion; the US is already in expansion and may not be far from overheating. Thus, it was *no surprise that US bonds* entered the bear phase first, nor that UK and Canadian bonds significantly underperformed German and French in the first half, but have regained some ground since.

The economic cycle also explains why real yields are so high — they were equally high at this point of the early 1980s upswing. Similarly, shifts in international yield curves over the past 12 months or so — usually a steepening, then a flattening, as recovery turns into expansion — have been consistent with a cyclical explanation.

So much for the past, what does this imply for the future in the UK market? We draw three conclusions.

☐ Real GDP growth will remain above average, certainly until end-1995. As a comparison, the UK economy grew by more than 2½ per cent (quarter on quarter annualised) in 22 of the 26 quarters from early 1983. No cycle is the same, but the UK economy seems unlikely to slow after just four quarters of above-par growth.

☐ Inflation (excluding mortgage interest payments) will stay low and could fall further. Again, based on the previous upswing, output reached its trough in the first quarter of 1981, but the annual underlying inflation rate took until the fourth quarter of 1984. On a *similar time frame, underlying* inflation is not due to hit bottom until next year.

☐ UK interest rates have a long way to rise, with the steepest rises at the short end. This may seem an odd conclusion, given such an upbeat inflation picture, but monetary policy works with long lags. In the previous two interest-rate cycles, base rates peaked at 14 and 15 per cent respectively and ten-year yields at 12.9 and 12.7 per cent.

Some may say inflation is lower this time and fiscal policy tighter. The first point is fair comment; the second is not a *sustainable argument*. Fiscal policy will not stay tight indefinitely. The mix has lurched from very tight monetary/loose fiscal policy within the ERM to the opposite extreme post-ERM. At some point, probably before the next election, the Government will surely try to rebalance the mix with tax cuts, but interest rate rises.

A more subtle argument is that Britain's economic structure has fundamentally altered since the Thatcher reforms. This is a matter for (justifiable) speculation, but it is hard to see *how a sensible conclusion can* be reached without time travel. Structural reforms may well enable interest rates to stay lower than they would otherwise, but, the futures market prediction that three-month *rates will reach 9 per cent in* 1996 does not seem far-fetched.

Thus, on a 12-month horizon, the best returns will be in the longer shorts, despite hefty base-rate rises. Indeed, longer maturities are likely to produce *zero or negative returns*.

Gilts have performed well recently and may do so a while longer. But they cannot indefinitely escape the logic of the economic cycle. When brokers start producing research declaring the end of an inflationary era, it must be time to sell.

Dick Howard
Julius Baer Investments Ltd

WORD SQUARES

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GRILLE
(c) The grille in real tennis is one of three winning openings, the others being the winning gallery and the dedans. Although originally open, it is now a recessed rectangle fairly high up on the hazard side. The square opening in the end wall on the hazard side of the court, adjacent to the main wall. Ultimately from the Latin *cratis* a hurdle or grating. "Whenever he can send the ball into the grille."

HALIDE
(b) A binary compound formed from a halogen and a metal or *radical, eg fluoride, chloride, etc., from hal(ogen) + -ide.* "If a thin layer of alkali-halide crystals is bombarded with electrons, some electrons are displaced from the halides and secondaries are produced."

KAMEEL
(b) The giraffe, *Giraffa camelopardalis*, Afrikaans from the Dutch *kameel* camel. "The name giraffe is practically unknown in South Africa where the term kameel is always used." "As we wanted meat, I rammed the spurs in and galloped headlong for the kameels."

KETTLE HOLE
(c) A depression in the ground thought to have been formed by the melting of an ice block trapped in glacial deposits, especially one that is circular and deep, frequently attributively in *kettle lake*, a lake in a kettle hole. "The kames [deposits in situ from a melting glacier] of Cherry Valley are composed of stratified water-worn gravel, and, as a series of conical hills and reticulated ridges enclosing kettle holes, form conspicuous objects in the centre of the valley."

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France Fr	8.87	8.17
Germany Dm	2.59	2.38
Greece Dr	398.00	371.00
Hong Kong $	12.76	11.76
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-and-
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One St. Paul's Churchyard
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Solicitors for the above-named Company (Ref: 45)

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-and-
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REF: RJ/AEG
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THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
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-and-
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IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
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Birmingham B3 2JR
Solicitors for the Company.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
No.006251 of 1994.
IN THE MATTER OF IHC MAY FAIR (HOLDINGS) LIMITED
-AND-
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985.
Notice is hereby given that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated the 2nd November 1994 CONFIRMING THE REDUCTION of the Share Capital of the above named IHC MAY FAIR (HOLDINGS) LIMITED from £100,000,000 to £39,267,129 and the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the capital of the Company as altered the several particulars required by the the above-mentioned Act were registered by the Registrar of Companies on the 4th November 1994.
Dated the 4th November 1994
STEPHENSONS HARWOOD
One St. Paul's Churchyard
London EC4M 8SH
Solicitors for the above-named Company (Ref: 45)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
No.006250 of 1994
IN THE MATTER OF IHC MAY FAIR HOTEL LIMITED
-and-
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
Notice is hereby given that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated the 2nd November 1994 CONFIRMING THE REDUCTION of the Share Premium Account of the above named IHC MAY FAIR HOTEL LIMITED was registered by the Registrar of Companies on the 4th November 1994.
Dated the 11th day of November 1994.
STEPHENSON HARWOOD
One St. Paul's Churchyard
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Solicitors for the above-named Company (Ref: 45)

MODEC INVESTMENTS LIMITED
Registered Number 769748
Trading Name:
BEVERLEY HOTEL
Nature of Business. Hoteliers & Property Development.
Trade classification: 47
Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 11th November 1994.
Name of person appointing the administrative receivers:
Barclays Bank Plc
P Monteith FCA and J.J. Schapira ACA
Joint Administrative Receivers
Office holder nos 2344 and 6784 of Leonard Curtis & Co
Po Box 563
30 Eastbourne Terrace
(2nd Floor), London W2 6LF.

No: 007048
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF NMC GROUP PLC
-AND-
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 1st day of November 1994 presented to Her Majesty's court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of capital by £12,364,148 and cancellation of the share premium account of the above named company.
AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Petition referred to is to be heard before Mr Registrar Buckley on 30th November 1994 at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on the 30th day of November 1994.
ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the above named Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of the Share Premium Account should appear at the time of the hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.
A copy of the Petition referred to above will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
DATED this 16th day of November 1994.
TRAVERSES SMITH BRAITHWAITE
10 Snow Hill
London EC1A 2AL
for the above-named Company.

Rule 4.106 The Insolvency Act 1986
COMPLETE TRAVEL LIMITED (IN LIQUIDATION)
Take notice that the undersigned, ALAN DAVID KENNINGHAM & PHILLIP ANTHONY ROBERTS of Haines Watts, 4-8 Tabernacle Street, London EC2A 4LU, were appointed Joint Liquidators of Complete Travel Limited, by a resolution of a meeting of the company's creditors held on the 10th day of November 1994.
ALAN DAVID KENNINGHAM, Joint Liquidator.
PHILLIP ANTHONY ROBERTS, Joint Liquidator.
Dated this 14th day of November 1994.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
In the High Court of Justice
No7717 of 1994.
In Bankruptcy
I Y Peterson
I, Geoffrey Elwyn Kinton, Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of BDO Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London, W1M 1DA, give notice that I was appointed Trustee of the estate of the above-named on 28 October 1994. All debts and claims should be sent to me at the above address
All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their debts, writing to me for a claim form. No further public advertisement of invitation to prove debts will be given.
Dated 16 November 1994
G.S Kinton
Trustee.

TRANSLINK DISTRIBUTION LIMITED
The Insolvency Act 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at Stakis Country Court Hotel, Junction 21 Approach, Leicester on 15th December 1994 at 2.30pm for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 to 101 of the said Act.
Creditors wishing to vote at the Meeting must lodge their proxy, *together with a full statement of* account at the registered office Pannell House, 159 Charles Street, Leicester, LE1 1LD not later than 12 noon on 12th December 1994.
For the purposes of voting, a secured creditor is required (unless he surrenders his security) to lodge at Pannell House, 159 Charles Street, Leicester, LE1 1LD before the meeting, a statement giving particulars of his security, *the date when it was* given and the value at which it was assessed.
Notice is further given that a list of the names and addresses of the Company's Creditors may be inspected, free of charge, at Pannell House, 159 Charles Street, Leicester, LE1 1LD between 10.00am and 4.00pm on the two business days preceding the date of the meeting stated above.
By Order of the Board
E.T CARROLL, Director.

COMPANY NOTICES

CANADIAN PACIFIC LIMITED
(incorporated in Canada)
CANADIAN PACIFIC LIMITED
PERPETUAL 4% CONSOLIDATED DEBECTURE STOCK
NEW BRUNSWICK RAILWAY COMPANY
4% DEBENTURE STOCK
CALGARY & EDMONTON RAILWAY COMPANY
4% DEBENTURE STOCK
In preparation for the payment of the half-yearly interest due January 1 1995 on the above Stocks, the transfer books will be re-opened on January 3 1995.
D.R KEAST
Deputy Secretary,
62-65 Trafalgar Square,
London WC2N 5DY.
November 17 1994.

Fattening up Railtrack at the railways' expense



GRAHAM SEARJEANT

As a small boy, I was told that my great-grandfather had commuted from Peterborough to London's King's Cross station using a first class railway season ticket. Remembering such an insignificant detail suggests that I must have been impressed by the unattainable affluence implied. Today, such a season ticket would cost £5,844 a year. That is a vast sum to pay for travelling to work, but the service is excellent and it might make sound economic sense for business people who could save much more than that in mortgage interest on a comparable family house in central London.

The trouble is that the face of Britain, and the journeys that people need or want to take, bear little relation to those of the railway age. My great grandfather doubtless lived in the centre of Peterborough, then a small if ancient City, and had a meat business in Smithfield, just down the road from Kings Cross. The growth and improvement of Britain's roads over the succeeding century has diversified journeys unimaginably — and irreversibly. Outside London, relatively few people both live and work near a railway station. Factories that employed an entire town have mostly disappeared. Pit villages no longer have a pit. High streets are fast losing grocers and department stores. People need to travel far more and the car is the best means for most but the poor.

Yet much of the argument about roads and the environment is still couched in terms of shifting to rail. This is unrealistic. A huge percentage expansion of rail freight and passenger traffic would make little impact on road journeys. To do that, all the Beeching cuts of 30 years ago would have to be reversed and a vast new rail network built to track the changes in where people live, work and shop. The transport debate might be more objective and constructive if all the railways beyond the main inter-City routes were closed down, and the illusion finally removed.

That may well happen in about ten years time. The Government is expected to announce this week that it plans to sell Railtrack to investors before the next general election. If it does so, then either Railtrack will prove a poor investment or most loss-making rail services will probably fall into deep trouble.

Railtrack would be an excellent candidate for privatisation if its customers, the firms that will operate rail services, were truly profitable. It has been set up from the start as a common carrier, through which private enterprise firms with more imagination and gumption than British Rail can compete to provide services, merely paying Railtrack for access to its network.

Unfortunately, the separation of track from operation unwinds cross-subsidies within British Rail. If the monopoly rail network is to be profitable, and saleable, the gross subsidies given to operators of rail services by the franchising director will have to rise. No problem if Railtrack is in the public sector. Its monopoly profits are taken in by the right hand and doled out by the left as operating subsidies, so there is no extra public spending. If private rail operators prove more efficient, or attract more paying customers than British Rail, taxpayers should save money.

That changes if Railtrack is privatised. The Exchequer gets a one-off capital injection but net subsidies rise for the same amount of service. To make matters worse, extremely ambitious financial targets have been set for Railtrack to encourage cost cutting. It was to make a standard public sector return of 8 per cent on the "modern equivalent asset value" of its lines, signal boxes and stations — a definition similar to replacement value. On the same basis, the privatised water industry is making returns of less than 1 per cent.

Railtrack would then be easy to sell, since much of its monopoly income should be secured by initial franchise contracts of seven to ten years. At least, it would be easy to sell if investors believed that operators will be able to pay the implied charges or that subsidies will make up any shortfall.

John Swift QC, the rail regulator, has already made it clear that he fears that Railtrack's targets may be unrealistic. Unless they are cut there will probably be strong pressure, not least from Mr Swift, to cut charges down the line to keep services going. Railtrack's charges should be the flexible element in the rail experiment, to be adjusted as experience shows what return is realistic.

With luck, minister have heeded his warnings and will abandon such ambitions for Railtrack before they sell it to the public. If they do, Railtrack will not be worth much. If they do not, there is a strong risk that rising fares, falling traffic, rising subsidy demands and cuts in services will plunge the new-look railways into a vicious spiral of decline. If rail travel is to play a bigger role, then experience abroad suggests greater subsidies will be needed. If these extra subsidies can come from cutting the cost to taxpayers of maintaining existing services, the railways have a chance to reverse decline. If the new system requires higher subsidies from taxpayers, decline will be accelerated.

Fattening Railtrack will do nothing for more environmentally friendly travel. Mind you, if the same formula was applied to roads, there might still be some switch to rail. Imagine the charges motorists would face to meet an 8 per cent return on the replacement cost of all the country's roads. We should all be back on our bikes. That sounds like the ultimate environmental solution. Sadly, business would come to a standstill, but it would at least make people realise that the only effective long-term way to cut pollution from travel is to plan for less travel.

Britain's defence industry has reached a crossroads, **Ross Tieman** reports

VSEL puts arms policy in focus

Financial engineering is a tough business. On Friday afternoon, after a punishing round of presentations to investors, culminating in a night-long session to prepare the revised bid for VSEL, Richard Lapthorne, British Aerospace's finance wizard, was close to exhaustion.

Dick Evans, the seemingly-indestructible chief executive, sat down with a small pile of sandwiches. By matching GEC's £14-a-share cash offer for the Barrow shipyard, he said, BAe had changed the nature of the contest for supremacy in warship building between Britain's two biggest defence groups.

"We have levelled the playing field financially because we want to see the debate get back to the commercial and industrial issues," Evans said. "We want it to get back to the Office of Fair Trading and the Government and the communities where it matters."

It was a worthy proposition, but ineffective. The real achievement was that Lapthorne had persuaded institutions to stump up £178 million, win or lose, in a rights issue that should give BAe's balance sheet the breadth to deal with the remaining problems at its civil aerospace business. This interpretation is not popular at BAe. It tends to suggest that management is still fire-fighting and has not stemmed the company's notorious tendency to throw up unforeseen problems that leave it short of cash.

Lord Weinstock, managing director of GEC, relishes this charge. GEC is the biggest supplier of electronic systems and radar to BAe. Weinstock has been trying to edge Evans into a merger of the GEC and BAe defence businesses for years. Several times, most recently last June, they have come close. But they know each other so well, they see the problems too early in the game.

Mr Lapthorne can be just as dismissive of Lord Weinstock. Too risk-averse, he says. Where is the entrepreneurship, the business built, the market conquered? Others argue that GEC's dull image is ill-deserved. Although refusing to be drawn beyond GEC's areas of expertise, Weinstock has played his hand well.

GEC has three core businesses: defence electronic systems, power systems (trains and power stations), and telecommunications equipment. Britain did not buy many trains or power stations the in 1980s. Yet GEC completed a joint venture of its business with Alcatel Alsthom, of France, that has made GEC Alsthom a world leader. The telecoms business did well until BT completed its modernisation, since when a deal with Siemens has given the business renewed vigour.

Now, after a good run during the 1980s, Weinstock is reacting to a downturn in demand for defence hardware by seeking a merger with the most powerful prime contractor in Britain. For GEC, BAe is the only logical defence partner. The Government will wish to maintain national expertise in every key area of defence technology, yet can no longer afford to maintain rival champions by sharing out thin rations of orders. BAe already holds the position of sole national champion in aircraft.



HMS Richmond, the last Type 23 frigate built at Swan Hunter on Tyneside

GEC is second to VSEL in warships with Vosper Thornycroft snapping at both their heels. In a contracting market, further concentration was inevitable. If BAe wins VSEL, GEC's Yarrow yard will be in danger. Miss one important order, and like Swan Hunter, it could close. Combine it with VSEL at Barrow, says GEC, and there is a chance that sufficient exports can be won to support both yards indefinitely. GEC needs BAe, but BAe wants European partners more. In defence, it aims to merge with the national champions of the West's other free-booting exporter, France.

But it is not that simple. BAe was created by state merger of Britain's top aircraft assemblers. Concentrating their energies on defence, where the MoD set the strategy, its past masters had the vision to join the European planemakers' consortium, Airbus Industrie, but not to rationalise their own civil aircraft activities.

Result: financial disaster, the minute the world entered recession and demand for new planes collapsed. Boardroom heads rolled. But since then, Evans, architect of the huge Al Yamamah deal with Saudi Arabia, and Lapthorne have stopped the rot.

BAe's core defence business is in fine fettle. The Airbus business is coming into profit. Losses at Avro, the regional jet business, have been arrested and new orders won. Recent visits show that BAe managers, at plant level, are achieving substantial improvements in efficiency.

But what of VSEL? First, the monopoly issue. The Ministry of Defence used to favour competition within Britain. But policy-making is beginning to recognise that better value for money can be achieved by obliging a strong national champion to compete with overseas rivals. Remember the fight to supply a main battle tank, won by Vickers, at very modest margins but with a very good tank, after seeing off rivals from France, Germany and America.

When BAe launched its recommended offer for VSEL last month, Evans and Co thought the Ministry of Defence would ask the Office of Fair Trading to block any bid by GEC. Now, it seems, the MoD may be willing to see both Yarrow and Barrow in the hands of a single owner.

For all their differences, BAe and GEC share a single view on this: a stronger, more concentrated warship industry will be more likely to win overseas orders in contention with French and German rivals. Attitude, and entrepreneurship matter. Vosper, the Southampton specialist in smaller craft, is Britain's most successful warship exporter.

Yet the MoD is at present paying GEC to tender against VSEL to build five Trafalgar nuclear powered submarines. If GEC wins, it will have to employ VSEL as a subcontractor to do most of the construction. Even for a £2.5 billion contract, it would be senseless to build a new assembly hall. This is phony competition.

Both BAe and GEC are right. The future of Britain's defence industry lies first in further concentration. Then, it must build more alliances within Europe, because European defence interests, and forces, are becoming more entwined. Some joint operations are already emerging: more will follow. The MoD is clearly rethinking how best to get value for money. That is why the battle will be so keenly fought for the minds of the institutional shareholders who will decide what is in the national interest.

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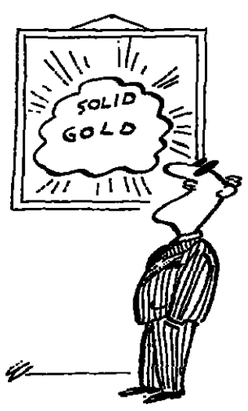
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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Painting by numbers

YOU have heard of creative accounting. Well, here comes creative expenses. Brian Wark, deputy chairman of exploration group Carrie Pacific Holdings, has just legged it from Sydney to London to spread the word about its gold prospects in West Kalimantan, Indonesia. Wark brought the company's latest annual report and Joachim Wilcke, chief geologist, brought core drillings from the West Kalimantan hills containing glistening nuggets of gold. Which of the two would you rush for? The report, of course. Page 29 records that in the year to June 30, Wark Holdings Pty, of which Brian Wark is a director, received A$790 income in relation to "leasing of paintings to the company". What's that all about? "The company moved into new offices. Had bare walls. They wanted to go out and buy office decorations. I told them not to waste money, and lent them some paintings from my home." The works are not reproduced in full living colour in the annual report, but I think shareholders should be told: Are they paintings by numbers? Will blotting paper follow?



Business suits

IN THE days when a radio was a wireless, it was *Music While You Work*. Today, it is tailoring while you work. Matthew Norton, of tailors Norton & Townsend, whose team visits City offices, measured up 40 Wall Street brokers last week and reports how fashions have changed on the other side of the pond. "Braces with dollar signs and star and stripes linings are still in evidence, but, for the average male dealer, the English cut is 'in', and wide pinstripes are definitely out. Oh! And they just loved our offer to fit custom jacket pockets for phones, filofaxes and even a newspaper."

Lift-off

FOR those subscribing to the theory of a connection between storks and the birth rate, how about a link between lifts and share prices. Inchcape took 13 analysts to Hong Kong last week to update them on local operations. The party of the tall, the hefty and the big included Mike Smith of Flemings, Rob Golding of Warburgs and Mark Shepperd of UBS. They squeezed in with four others into a lift that stated it could carry 17, and it got stuck — for 20 pressing moments. All returned safely, and Inchcape's share price rose smartly.

COLIN CAMPBELL

RADIO CHOICE

Coca-Cola as sacred icon

The Real Thing. *Radio 3, 9.15pm.*

I could have guessed that Iwan Russell-Jones was a professor of theology and culture. He is obsessed with the secular projection of the sacred. He takes his cue from an 80ft-high painting in *Atlanta* of a giant bottle of Coca-Cola poised above the clouds. "Coca-Cola in majesty, ascended, glorified", he says. There is a temple in Atlanta devoted to its worship. Visitors see promotional panels depicting the Pope and Mother Teresa as its ambassadors. When Coca-Cola announced it was changing its formula in 1985 there was a tidal wave of protest. "Only two things in life are important: God and Coca-Cola", said one. "Now you have taken one of them away from me". This is horrible yet compulsive listening.

Strange Arrangement. *Radio 3, 4.30pm.*

A good job for her, and certainly for us, that Carla Bley did not take her psychiatrist's advice and give up music for sewing. Otherwise, the world of jazz would have been cheated of one of its most innovative daughters. A good job, too, that Alan Plater, presenter of *Strange Arrangement*, did not take Bley seriously when she said she would like 200 words to tell her story. "We're not pushed for time. You can have more than 200," he tells her tonight. Consequently, there are another five half-hour episodes to come. We hear her as composer, pianist and band leader in works that include *Bent Eagle*, and the peerless *A Genuine Tong Funeral*.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. 4.00am Bruno Brookes 6.30 Steve Wright 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Emma Freud, including at 12.30-12.45pm Newsbeat 2.00 Mark Goodier with Superman: Doomsday and Beyond 4.00 Nicky Campbell with Drivetime, including at 5.30-5.45 Newsbeat 7.00 Evening Session 9.00 Shuttleworth's Showtime. 10.00 Mark Radcliffe 12.00 Lynn Parsons

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 6.00am Sarah Kennedy with the Early Show 6.15 Pause for Thought 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.15 Pause for Thought 9.30 Kea Bruce, including at 10.00 Pick of the Hits 11.30 Jimmy Young 2.00pm Gloria Hunniford 3.30 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Hubert Gregg 7.30 Campbell Burnap with Dance Band Days, and at 8.00 Big Band Era 8.30 Big Band Special 9.00 Humphrey Lyttelton 10.00 Jazz Score: From Ronnie Scott's Club, London, the jazz quiz chaired by Benny Green 10.30 The Jamesons 12.05am Digby Fairweather with Jazz Notes 1.00 Steve Madden 3.00-6.00 Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports 6.00 The Breakfast Programme, including at 6.55 and 7.55 Racing Preview 8.35 The Magazine, including at 10.15 Work It Out: Liz Barclay presents five programmes about coping at work 12.00 Midday with Mair, including at 12.34pm Moneycheck, with Liz Barclay 2.05 Ruscoe on Five 4.00 John Inverdale Nationwide 7.00 News Extra, including at 7.20 the day's sport in full 7.35 Sportstrack: music and sporting memories from 1988 8.00 The Monday Match: Everton v Liverpool 10.05 News Talk, with Niall Dickson 11.00 Night Extra, including at 11.45 The Financial World Tonight 12.05am The Other Side of Midnight 2.00-5.00 Up All Night

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. 4.30am BBC English 4.45 Frühmagazin 5.00 Newshour 6.00 Morgenmagazin 6.30 Europe Today 7.00 News 7.15 Off the Shelf 7.30 The Struggle for Oil 8.00 News 8.10 Words of Faith 8.15 Health 8.30 Anything Goes 9.00 News 9.05 Business 9.15 Something To Tell You 9.30 The Learning World 9.45 Sports 10.00 News 10.01 *Help! I'm Going To Be a Parent* 10.30 Vintage Chart Show 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 BBC English 11.45 Mittagsmagazin 12.00 News 12.10pm Words of Faith 12.15 Counterpoint 12.45 Sports 1.00 Newshour 2.00 News 2.05 Outlook 2.30 Off the Shelf 2.45 It's Your Business 3.00 News 3.15 Pop on the Line 4.00 News 4.15 BBC English 4.30 Heute Aktuell 5.00 News 5.05 Business 5.15 BBC English 6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Heute Aktuell 7.00 Kaleidoscop 8.00 News 8.10 Words of Faith 8.15 The World Today 8.30 Europe Today 9.00 Newshour 10.00 News 10.05 Business 10.15 Meridian 10.45 Sports 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 Multitrack 12.00 News 12.10am News 12.15 A Jolly Good Show 1.00 News 1.05 Outlook 1.30 Folk Routes 1.45 Health 2.00 Newsdesk 2.30 Counterpoint 3.00 News 4.10 News 3.15 Sports 3.30 John Peel 4.00 Newsdesk

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey 9.00 Henry Kelly 12.00 Susannah Simons 2.00pm Lunchtime Concerto 3.00 Jamie Crick 6.00 Classic Reports 7.00 A to Z of Classical Music 8.00 Evening Concert 10.00 Michael Mappin 1.00am Robert Booth

VIRGIN

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono 9.00 Richard Skinner 12.00 Graham Dene 4.00pm Wendy Lloyd 7.00 Nick Abbot 10.00 Paul Coyle 2.00-6.00am Janey Lee Grace

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather
7.00 On Air: Tchaikovsky (Suite: The Sleeping Beauty); Godfrey: *Gottfried Finger* (Suite in G minor, Farewell); Weir (String Quartet); Liszt (Valse Impromptu); Vivaldi (Concerto in G minor); Blow (Mark how the lark and linnet sing).
9.00 **Composer of the Week:** Alfred Schnittke. (Violin Concerto No 2; Concerto Grosso No 1)
10.00 **Musical Encounters:** Ravel (Alborada del gracioso); Lili Boulanger (Hymn to the Sun); 10.10 *Artist of the Week:* Barry Douglas, piano, plays Liszt (Hungarian Fantasy); 10.30 Mozart (Bella mia fiamma, addio); Jonathan Harvey (Serenade in Homage to Mozart); Prokofiev (Symphony No 5)
12.00 **Impresario!** Geoffrey Baskerville presents music by Bellini, Donizetti and Verdi
1.00pm **BBC Lunchtime Concert:** Dong-Suk Kang, violin, Pascal Devoyon, piano. Mozart (Sonata in A); Grieg (Sonata in G, Op 13)
2.00 **Schools:** Radio Q and A 2.05 Word Games 2.15 Storybox 2.25 Let's Move 2.45 First Steps in Drama
3.00 **Songs of Russia:** A recital of Russian anthems; motets and folk song arrangements for unaccompanied male voices, performed by the Roussland Soglasie Male Voice Choir (r)
3.45 **The Dutch Organ:** Ton Koopman plays the organ of the Grote Kerk in Edam. Music by Scheidemann, Siefert, Buxtehude, Froberger (r)
4.30 **Strange Arrangement:** See Choice
5.00 **The Music Machine:** Tommy Pearson investigates the role of the composer
5.15 **In Tune:** Andrew Green plays a selection of music, including Bach (Gigue, Partita No 5 in G); Rautavaara (The Fiddlers)
7.30 **Sir Peter Maxwell Davies's 60th Birthday Concert:** A concert given yesterday in honour of Sir Peter Maxwell Davies, the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra's associate conductor and composer. Kathryn Stott, piano, Jonathan Carney, violin; Royal Philharmonic Orchestra under Maxwell Davies. Vaughan Williams (Fantasia on a theme of Thomas Tallis); Maxwell Davies (Concert Suite: Caroline Mathilde. 8.20 Maxwell Davies talks to Chris de Souza about his work. 8.30 Ireland (Piano Concerto); Maxwell Davies (A Spell for Green Corn)
9.15 **The Real Thing:** See Choice
9.35 **Poet Songs:** Anthony Rolfe Johnson, tenor, and Catherine Edwards, piano, in a programme including Schumann (Dichterliebe); Britten (On This Island); and Shakespeare settings by Arkin, Vaughan Williams, Quilter, Howells, Tippett and Geoffrey Bush (r)
10.45 **Mixing It:** with Robert Sandall and Mark Russell
11.30-12.30am **Music Restored:** The third of the Radio 3 early music invitation concerts. The viol consort Fretwork and the vocal ensemble Red Byrd perform anthems and consort music by Thomas Tomkins

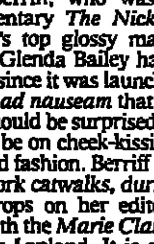
RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing, incl 6.03 Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, including 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.45 Business News 7.25, 8.25 Sports News 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 The Benn Tapes 8.58 Weather
9.00 **News** 9.05 **Start the Week,** presented by Melvyn Bragg and Mary Ann Sieghart of *The Times*. With Anne Applebaum, Frances McMenamin, Auberon Waugh and Marjorie Mowlam, MP
10.00-10.30 **News; With Great Pleasure** (FM only): Blockhead Ian Dury makes his literary selection
10.00 **Daily Service** (LW only), from St Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton
10.15 **The Hindu Scriptures** (LW only): Stories from the Hindu tradition (r)
10.30 **Woman's Hour,** introduced by Jenni Murray
11.30 **Money Box Live:** 071 580 4444
12.00 **News; You and Yours**
12.25pm **Screenplay:** Iain Johnstone hosts the celebrity panel show 12.55 Weather
1.00 **The World at One**
1.40 **The Archers** (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 **News; Women of the Dust,** by Ruth Carter. Fact-based story of a group of migrant women workers from Rajasthan (r)
3.00 **Anderson Country**
4.00 **News** 4.05 **Kaleidoscope:** Robert Dawson Scott previews a *Star Trek* musical
4.45 **Short Story: The Hockey Club,** by Claire Macquet. Read by Nimmy March
5.00 **PM** 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 **Six O'Clock News**
6.30 **I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue:** The antidote to panel games, with Tim Brooke-Taylor, Barry Cryer, Graeme Garden and Willie Rushton. Humphrey Lyttelton is in the chair (r)
7.00 **News** 7.05 **The Archers**
7.20 **The Food Programme:** Derek Cooper treats the Rare Breeds Survival Trust's attempt to sell us traditional meats (r)
7.45 **The Monday Play:** Underworld, by Don Taylor. Harry (Stephen Moore), who is unemployed, retreats to his study to translate Virgil's visit to the underworld (r)
9.15 **What an Institution:** Russell Davies looks at pets with the help of BBC archives (r)
9.30 **Kaleidoscope** (r) 9.59 Weather
10.00 **The World Tonight**
10.45 **Book at Bedtime: Nights at the Circus.** Lesley Manville reads episode six of a ten-part adaptation of Angela Carter's novel
11.00-11.30 **Home Truths** (FM only): John Miller talks to the artist Caroline Coon (r)
11.00-11.30 **Education Matters** (LW only)
11.30-12.00 **A Whole New Ball Game** (FM only), by Martin Davies. Escape is the only option for Mrs Patterson when her family tries to replace her lost love with a small dog
11.30 **Today in Parliament** (LW)
12.00-12.43am **News,** incl 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping. 12.43 As World Service (LW)

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Strangely drawn to this novel spectacle

REVIEW



Lynne Truss

Saturday was a red-letter day in British broadcasting. With the first National Lottery draw, live on BBC 1, we finally admitted we were a Third World country. Abroad, of course, the weekly national bingo draws are made by seedy Casanovas, assisted by blondes with black eyebrows in spangly frocks. So it may be argued in our defence that at least we brought our own special flair to the proceedings when in Saturday's momentous Noel Edmonds extravaganza, attracting tens of millions of viewers, the job of pressing the fatal button devolved on a young woman called Debbie in a shapeless yellow tracksuit, who had arrived at this giddying privilege by a series of studio games in which 48 other shapeless tracksuits were eliminated with tedious excitement between the hours of 7 and 8 o'clock.

Technically, **The National Lottery Live** was a superb achievement, as slick as *Noel's House Party* after an accident with an oil tanker. For people who like this sort of thing, it was absolutely the sort of thing they like. The games, the animated graphics, the *Swap-shop* link-ups to gangs of excited people in Nottingham and Glasgow (on each re-visit, the waving crowd increased exponentially, as though national gambling hysteria caused people to subdivide), the frequent appearance of a count-down number (58! 34!) in the corner of the screen. Only 34 minutes until you find out whether you have won £7 million! Can you stand the tension? Is that ticket disintegrating in your sweaty palm? In the old days of Light Entertainment, they would have inserted a music-and-dance segment somewhere, but not any more. We might all flush the loo at once and cause untold ecological havoc.

The sense of occasion was unbearable. "Only the British could cheer *half a ton of metal*," chuckled Edmonds, when Merlin the Machine was revealed on stage. But to be *fair*, he had just given Merlin a tremendous build-up; just as he had raised the temperature for everything else. Nearing the moment of truth, Edmonds announces there is a choice of balls. (Hurrah! Why? Er, Hurrah nevertheless!) There is a set called "A" and a set called "B". How will we choose which set to use? Let's ask a man in the audience to select an envelope. You, sir. He chooses "A"! Mister White-Gloved Adjudicator, please place the balls from set "A" into Merlin the Machine!

Only one person looked unimpressed, and it was a pleasure to watch her — a large black woman dressed for church (in a smart hat) who sat just behind Edmonds's elbow, and occasionally put her head in her hands. It was surprising she wasn't thrown out, or at least *hastily stuffed into a tracksuit in a* pastel shade; Cassandras were not welcome here. As reports came in from Gordon Kennedy at the lottery headquarters in Harmondsworth (Harmondsworth? Is that exciting? Hurrah in case!), it became clear that sales of tickets had gone through the roof. The jackpot had risen in the course of the evening from £3 million to £7 *million! The* associated point — that with about 50 million tickets sold, the jackpot would obviously *be divided among a larger number* of people — was not to be considered for an instant, however. However much Edmonds may have wanted to say "If you've got all the numbers right, *don't* get too excited," the opportune moment somehow never arose.

"What will you do if you win the money?" Noel yelled to people on the link-ups. It was a relief to discover most of them had made no definite plans. "I'll hire a hit man to *kill Mister Blobby*," said one Scottish woman cheerfully, who had clearly been watching too *many Quentin Tarantino movies*. Not a note of caution anywhere; the build-up to impending disappointment was so scary I feared for consequent riots and looting. What *The National Lottery Live* required was a link-up to Harry Enfield's Old Gits, or to the headquarters of the British Society of Incorrigible Pessimists and Her Cats (at my house), just to inject the *unthinkable notion that not* everyone would win.

Another broadcasting landmark occurred on Friday, when BBC 2 showed **The Trial**, a film chronicling a Scottish murder case in which a sullen man called Andrew Deacons was found guilty on circumstantial evidence. If people are worried about allowing cameras in court, they need only see the Belgian film *Lovers on Trial* (recently repeated on Channel 4) which shows just how badly wrong things can go, in the service *of a ripping yarn*. In *Lovers on Trial*, the cameras follow the accused couple into their cells, witness them turn out the lights at night, and generally turn them into actors in a movie, an opportunity these real-life self-dramatisers clearly jumped at. Theirs is an amazing, absorbing story of husband murder and mutual betrayal — imagine James M. Cain in a *Belgian context — but watching it*, you can only wonder: did the lovers agree to the filming because *they thought it suggested they had* nothing to hide? Did the jury give a swingeing verdict because they thought it suggested they were not intimidated by the cameras?

Common sense tells us that cameras will have an effect on a court case, however level-headed all the participants may be. Deacons complained on Friday to *Newsnight* (BBC 2) that he wished he'd not agreed to the filming. In reply, the producer of *The Trial routinely dismissed this* complaint, but his rationale was arrogant and not encouraging. "Deacons agreed because he thought it would help him be acquitted," he said. Which was as good as admitting, actually, that *The Trial* took advantage.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (20150)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News with Nicholas Witchell and Jill Dando (98061792)

9.05 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject (s) (2858976)

10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (5199808) **10.05 Good Morning With Anne and Nick.** *Weekday magazine series (s) (50121315)*

12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (7310044) **12.05pm Pebble Mill** introduced by Alan Titchmarsh (s) (6960402) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (26276353)

1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (48995)

1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (55553792) **1.50 The Great British Quiz** (s) (55564808)

2.15 Knots Landing. American drama serial (s) (6645334) **3.00 Today's Gourmet.** Jacques Pepin prepares another mouth-watering meal (9334)

3.30 Cartoon (4122421) **3.45 Monster Café** (s) (4127976) **4.00 Mortimer and Arabel.** Puppet comedy drama series (s) (3329518) **4.15 The All New Popeye Show.** Cartoon triple bill (r) (7474605) **4.35 Take Two.** Film, video and television magazine. (Ceefax) (5104131)

5.00 Newsround (4470063) **5.05 Blue Peter.** Includes gardener Clare Bradley celebrating National Tree Week. (Ceefax) (s) (2958179)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (768334)

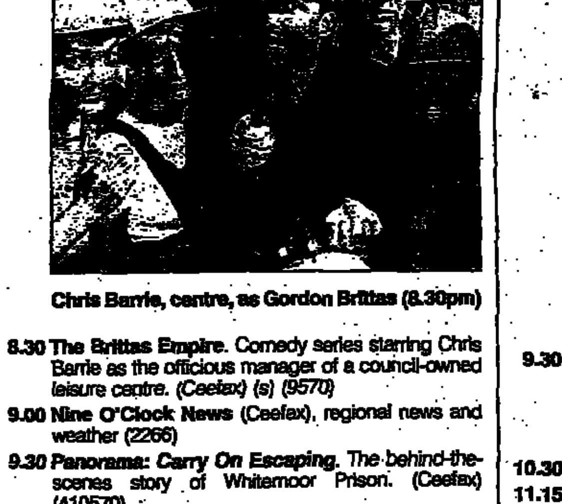
6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (315)

6.30 Regional News Magazines (995)

7.00 Telly Addicts. Television trivia quiz with Noel Edmonds (s) (1315)

7.30 Watchdog. Consumer magazine (179)

8.00 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (5173)



Chris Barrie, centre, as Gordon Brittas (8.30pm)

8.30 The Brittas Empire. Comedy series starring Chris Barrie as the officious manager of a council-owned leisure centre. *(Ceefax) (s) (9570)*

9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (2266)

9.30 Panorama: Carry On Escaping. *The behind-the-scenes story of Whitemoor Prison.* (Ceefax) (410570)

10.10 First Born. Episode one of a three-part genetic drama starring Charles Dance (r). (Ceefax) (474501). **Northern Ireland:** The Back Page 10.35 First Born 11.30 Film 94 12.05am-1.35 The Deliberate Stranger

11.05 Film 94 With Barry Norman. Among the films reviewed are *A Good Man in Africa* and *A Nightmare Before Christmas. (Ceefax) (s) (502995).* **Wales:** Face Off 11.40 Film 94 12.10am-1.40 Film: Mayflower Madam

11.35 FILM: Mayflower Madam (1987) starring Candice Bergen. The story of Sydney Biddle Barrows, a New York debutante, descended from the Pilgrim Fathers, who became a celebrated supplier of "fantasy girls". *Directed by Lou Antonio.* (Ceefax) (471266) **1.05am Weather** (9919261)

3.00-3.50 BBC Select: RCN Nursing Update (r) (84938) **3.30 Pathways To Care** (51749445)

BBC2

7.00 Crystal Tipps (r) (8094957) **7.05 Barney** (r) (8093228) **7.10 Thundercats** (r) (1003529) **7.35 Record Breakers** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (9547889)

8.00 Breakfast News. (Ceefax and signing) (6726841)

8.15 The Record. A review of Friday's business in Parliament (8040082)

8.35 Writers' Houses. Newstead, Nottinghamshire, *home of Lord Byron (r) (4610204)* ***8.50 A Week To Remember*** (b/w) (1997792)

9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Plus, for children, **10.00-10.25** Playdays (6114841) **1.45** Words and Pictures (56472976) **2.00** Just So Stories (99635119)

2.10 Snooker. David Vine introduces third round action from the Royal Liver Assurance UK championship (s). Continues at 4.30. Includes **News** and weather at **3.00** (600570) **3.50 News** (Ceefax), regional *news and weather (3124518)*

4.00 Today's the Day. Recent history quiz (808)

4.30 Snooker. Further coverage from the Guild Hall, *Preston (s) (26063)*

5.30 Esther. Studio discussion series (604)

6.00 Buck Rogers in the 25th Century. Vintage *science-fiction adventures (r) (800421)*

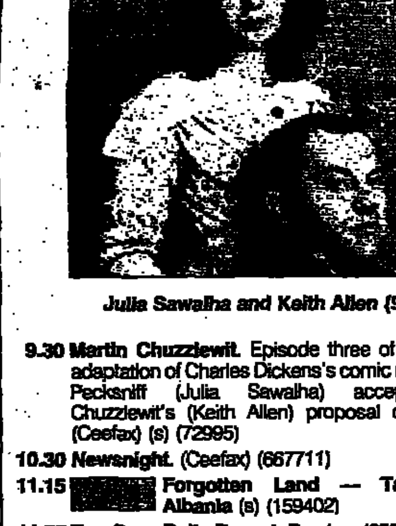
6.50 Top Gear Rally Report. The latest news from day two of the Network Q RAC Rally (962624)

7.00 The World At War. *An acclaimed history of the* Second World War (r) (8179)

8.00 CHOICE **Horizon: The Predator.** (Ceefax) (s) (348957)

8.50 10 x 10: All the Living and the Dead. A portrait of Ireland and its people. (Ceefax) (s) (640570)

9.00 Steptoe and Son (b/w). Classic rag-and-bone men comedy starring Wilfrid Brambell and Harry H. Corbett (r). (Ceefax) (8268)



Julia Sawalha and Keith Allen (9.30pm)

9.30 Martin Chuzzlewit. Episode three of the six-part adaptation of Charles Dickens's comic novel. Mercy Pecksniff (Julia Sawalha) accepts Jonas Chuzzlewit's (Keith Allen) proposal of marriage. (Ceefax) (s) (72995)

10.30 Newsnight. (Ceefax) (667711)

11.15 CHOICE **Forgotten Land — Tales From Albania** (s) (159402)

11.55 Top Gear Rally Report. Day two (629421)

12.05am News followed by **The Midnight Hour.** The day in Parliament (8910174) **12.55 Weather** (2674342)

1.00-1.40 Snooker. Highlights from today's play in Preston (s) (3788716)

2.00-4.00 Night School: English Night (49551)

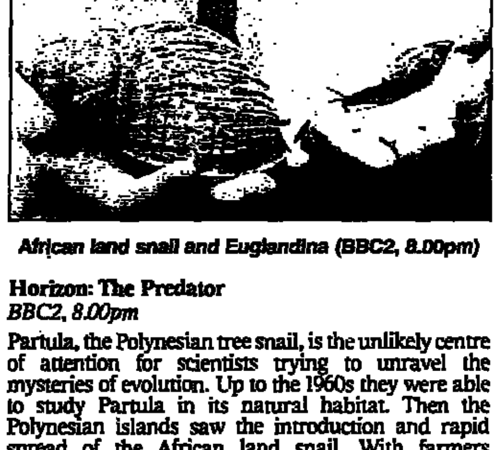
4.45-5.00 BBC Select: Disability Agenda (67057754)

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CHOICE

Cutting Edge: Absolutely Marie Claire
Channel 4, 9.00pm

Paul Berriff, who was responsible for the police documentary *The Nick*, turns his lens on one of Britain's top glossy magazines and its hyperactive editor. Glenda Bailey has been at the helm of *Marie Claire* since it was launched six years ago. We are told almost *ad nauseam* that Bailey comes from Derby, as if we should be surprised that anybody from that town should be on cheek-kissing terms with the big names in world fashion. Berriff follows Bailey on a tour of the *New York catwalks, during which she talks non-stop;* eavesdrops on her editorial conferences, ditto; and goes with the *Marie Claire* team on a fashion shoot in freezing Lapland. It is a revealing film but one that tends to take the subject on its own terms.



African land snail and Euglandina (BBC2, 8.00pm)

Horizon: The Predator
BBC2, 8.00pm

Partula, the Polynesian tree snail, is the unlikely centre of attention for scientists trying to unravel the mysteries of evolution. Up to the 1960s they were able to study Partula in its natural habitat. Then the Polynesian islands saw the introduction and rapid spread of the African land snail. With farmers *alarmed about their crops, the Euglandina* was brought in to control it. Instead of destroying the African land snail it went after Partula. Fearing the extinction of the species, scientists saved what Partula they could and brought them to England. Kate O'Sullivan's film opens and closes in the Palm House of Kew Gardens where a captive breeding experiment has the aim of returning the species to Polynesia.

Forgotten Land: Tales From Albania
BBC2, 11.15pm

A country that has existed in its own right only since 1912, and rarely makes the world headlines, may indeed be a forgotten land. This informative film from the *Late Show* stable suggests that it deserves to be better known. Albania's misfortune has been to spend most of its existence under the domination of outside powers or creeds, whether it is the ancient Romans, the Ottoman Turks, Italian fascism or Stalinist communism. All this is duly related but there is more to Albania than being someone else's satellite. We hear the praises of writers from Virgil to Lord Byron, samples of recent Albanian music and, above all, we see evidence of the country's great archaeological treasure which is only now coming fully to light.

Cracker
ITV, 9.00pm

Robbie Coltrane's elephantine psychologist is still hitting the whisky bottle and there is a rapist on the loose. The final three-parter of the current series is *running to form. Despite his wisecracks the Coltrane* character is getting no more likeable and the plots continue to be drawn from the lower depths of human behaviour. At least the show uses more discretion that it sometimes has in the past in handling its unsavoury material. The script is by *Cracker*'s creator, Jimmy McGovern. He seems to have blown the tension by apparently letting us know who the villain is almost from the start. But this could be a cunning move. It means that we know more than the cops, a sure recipe for holding the attention. **Peter Waymark**

CARLTON

6.00am GMTV (3180995)

9.25 Supermarket Sweep Dale Winton hosts the trolley-dashing game show (s) (4209686) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) (6131518)

10.00 The Time . . . The Place with John Stapleton (s) (9773334)

10.35 This Morning. Weekday family magazine (73684247) **12.20pm London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7316228)

12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (5801781)

12.55 Coronation Street (r). (Teletext) (4251042) **1.25 Home and Away** (Teletext) (20005889)

1.55 Capital Woman with Anneka Rice (s) (52193711) ***2.25 A Country Practice.*** *Medical drama series* (s) (23000711) **2.50 The Young Doctors.** Australian hospital drama (7137334)

3.20 ITN News headlines (Teletext) (6417353) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (6416624)

3.30 Rainbow (r) (4133537) **3.40 Tots TV** (s) (3115860) **3.50 St Tiggywinkles** (4137353) **4.05 Sooty and Co** (s) (8951082) **4.30 Tiny Toon Adventures** (r) (5116976) **4.50 How 2** (2062889)

5.10 After 5 (Teletext) (2942518)

5.40 News (Teletext) and weather (361570)

5.55 Your Shout. Viewers' opinions (718570)

6.00 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (711)

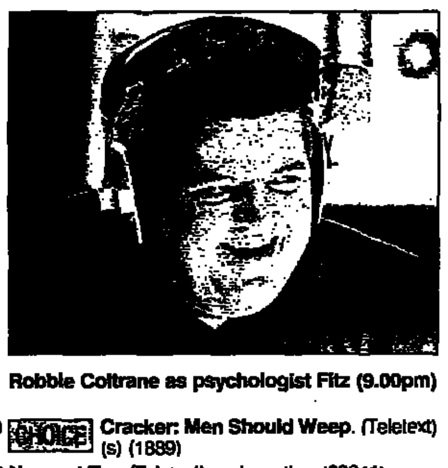
6.30 London Tonight (Teletext) (173)

7.00 The Hypnotic World of Paul McKenna. Mesmerising entertainment when ten more volunteers give entranced performances (s) (9711)

7.30 Coronation Street. (Teletext) (247)

8.00 Wheel of Fortune (5131)

8.30 World in Action. An exposé of how some Government departments are spending tax-payers' money, including an inoperative computer system costing £48 million (s) (4266)



Robbie Coltrane as psychologist Fitz (9.00pm)

9.00 CHOICE **Cracker: Men Should Weep.** (Teletext) (s) (1889)

10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (69841)

10.30 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (146353)

10.40 The Good Sex Guide with Margi Clarke. (Teletext) (s) (404773)

11.10 The Evening Standard Drama Awards 1994. Ned Sherrin hosts the 40th awards ceremony at the Savoy Hotel (s) (279605)

12.10am The Little Picture Show *with Mariella Frostrup* (3509087)

1.10 Endsleigh League Football Extra (9814984)

1.55 Traps *with George C. Scott* (8571648)

2.45 FILM: The Boy Who Stole a Million (1960, b/w) starring Maurice Reyna. The tale of a cunning young rascal who gets involved in a bank job to help to pay off his father's debts. Directed by Charles Crichton (2973990)

4.05 Beyond Reality. Tales of the paranormal (r) (68503261) **4.30 Videofashion** (70735)

5.00 Hollywood Report (r) (s) (35174)

5.30 ITN Morning News (32938). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35 Terrytoons Classic cartoons (4987044)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (38518)

9.00 You Bet Your Life. Game show (r) (s) (86518)

9.30 Schools: Geography Start Here (8653841) **9.46** Talk, Write and Read (8676792) **10.02** Stage Two Science (8077995) **10.20** The Maths Programme (7377860) **10.40** The English Programme (5883860) **11.05** *Encyclopaedia Galactica* (9353889) **11.15** Art Adventures (9446179) **11.30** Rat-a-Tat-Tat (3309518) **11.45** Junior Technology (3397773)

12.00 Right To Reply (r) (Teletext) (s) (99082)

12.30pm Sesame Street. The guest is Bill Irwin (39315) **1.30 Hullabaloo** with Floella Benjamin (r). Followed by **Fourways Farm** (r) (s) (15518)

2.00 FILM: The Seven Hills of Rome (1958) starring Mario Lanza, Marisa Allasio and Peggie Castle. Musical about a celebrated tenor who returns to his native Rome from New York after an argument with his fiancée and falls for a local lass. Directed by Roy Rowland. (Teletext) (1402)

4.00 Fat Man in Argentina. The second leg of Tom Vernon's travels in the land of the gauchos (r). (Teletext) (976)

4.30 Fifteen To One. (Teletext) (s) (860)

5.00 The Late Late Show. Dublin's topical chat and music show hosted by Gay Byrne (s) (6624)

6.00 Hangin' With Mr Cooper: The Goodbye Girl. American comedy series starring Mark Curry (Teletext) (s) (353)

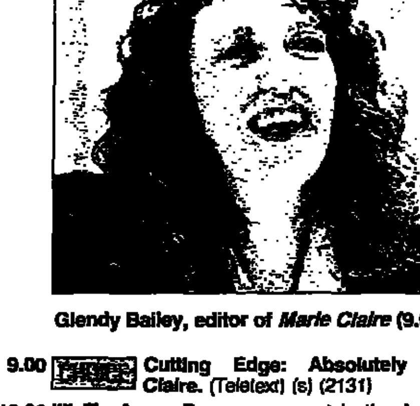
6.30 The Cosby Show (r). (Teletext) (605)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (277599)

7.50 Belfast Lessons (459995)

8.00 People First. Disabled children from a school in Eastern Europe make their own animated film, helped by Jessica Langford from the Edinburgh Animation Workshop. (Teletext) (3773)

8.30 Desmond's. Comedy series set in a Peckham barber's. (Teletext) (s) (2808)



Glendy Bailey, editor of *Marie Claire* (9.00pm)

9.00 CHOICE **Cutting Edge: Absolutely Marie Claire.** (Teletext) (s) (2131)

10.00 I'll Fly Away. Drama series set in the American Deep South at the time of racial unrest, starring Sam Waterston. This week, *Forrest wins a grand jury* indictment against the killers of Col Landers, and Lilly's boycott of a bigoted grocer leads her to the forefront of a racial protest. (Teletext) (s) (179119)

10.55 The American Football Big Match. Dallas Cowboys v Washington Redskins and the Philadelphia Eagles v the Arizona Cardinals (8164518)

12.15am Transworld Sport (r) (463711)

1.15 Evening Shade. American comedy series starring *Burt Reynolds (r) (s) (76938)*

1.45 FILM: The Last Page (1952, b/w) starring George Brent, Isabel Dean and Diana Dors. B-movie thriller about a London bookseller suspected of murdering his invalid wife. With Peter Reynolds. Director Terence Fisher's first film for Hammer (775006). Ends at **3.20**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (55558247) **2.20** Houseparty (23092792) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (7137334) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (2942518) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (427247) **11.10** First Take (596334) **12.40am-1.10** Coach (8657822) **1.50** Sport AM (8053551) **2.50** Hot Wheels (5158990) **3.20** The Beat (5339754) **4.10** Jobfinder (8396483) **5.00-5.30** America's Top Ten (35174)

CENTRAL

As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (55558247) **2.20** Yan Can Cook (23092792) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (7137334) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (2942518) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (427247) **10.40** Millionaires (404773) **11.10** The Good Sex Guide (596334) **11.40-12.10pm** The Hidden Room (747266) **4.05am** Jobfinder (7293445) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (2177613)

GRANADA

As London except: 12.55 Shortland Street (4251042) **1.25** Home and Away (87270266) **1.50** Murder, She Wrote (9850044) **2.50-3.20** Look and Cook (7137334) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (2942518) **6.25** Granada Tonight *(189044)* ***6.50*** *The Bradshaws* (959150) **7.00-7.30** The Hypnotic World of Paul McKenna (9711) **10.40** Passion (404773) **11.10** With... (596334) **11.40** Kojak *(518131)* ***12.35am*** *Best of British Motor* Sport (1581377) **1.10** Endsleigh League Football Extra (3799822) **1.50** Sport AM (8053551) **2.50** Hot Wheels (5174838) **3.15** The Beat (5494803) **4.10** Jobfinder (8396483) **5.00-5.30** America's Top Ten (35174)

HTV WEST

As London except: 1.55-3.20 Life in Emergency Ward 10 (6519112) **5.10-5.40** What's My Line? (2942518) **5.55** Home and Away (764518) **6.25-7.00** HTV News (427247) **10.40** Secrets of the Moor (404773) **11.10** Bristol Old Vic Plays: Coming Apart (596334) **11.40** Great Westerners (747266) **12.10am-1.10** Magnum (3489087) ***1.50*** *Sport AM (8053551)* **2.50** Hot Wheels (5174939) **3.15** The Beat (5494803) **4.10** Jobfinder (8396483) **5.00-5.30** America's Top Ten (35174)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 5.10-5.40 Movies, Games and Videos (2942518). **6.25-7.00** Wales Tonight (427247) **11.10** Pirates (596334) **11.40-12.10pm** The Wynford Vaughan-Thomas Season (747266)

MERIDIAN

As London except: ***9.55am-10.00*** *Meridian News and Weather* (6131518) **12.20pm-12.30** Meridian News and Weather (7316228) **1.55** A Country Practice (55558247) **2.20** Houseparty (23092792) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (7137334) **3.25-3.30** Meridian News and Weather (6416624) **5.10** Home and Away (2942518) **5.37-5.40** *Three Minutes – The Listings* (738334) ***6.00*** *Meridian Tonight (711)* ***6.30-7.00*** *Spirit of the* South Down by the River (173) **10.30-10.40** Meridian News and Weather (146353) **11.10** Without Prejudice? (596334) **11.40-12.10pm** Sledge Hammer (747266) ***5.00am-5.30*** *Freescreen* (35174)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 9.55-10.00 *Westcountry News (6131518)* ***12.20pm*** Westcountry News (7325976) **12.25-12.30** My Story (7324247) **1.55** Gardening Time (52193711) **2.25-2.55** The Young Doctors (23091083) **3.25-3.30** Westcountry News; Weather (6416624) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (2942518) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (26624) **10.30-10.40** Westcountry News; Weather (146353) **11.40** Phoenix (518131) ***12.35am-1.10*** *Coach (1581377)* ***1.50*** *Sport AM* (8053551) **2.50** Hot Wheels (5174838) **3.15** The Beat (5494803) **4.10** Jobfinder (8396483) **5.00-5.30** America's Top Ten (35174)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (55558247) **2.20-2.50** Travel Trails (23082792) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (2942518) **5.55** Calendar (443150) **6.30-7.00** Dales Diary (173) **10.30** Calendar News and Weather (146353) **10.40** Bryson's World (404773) **11.10** The Good Sex Guide (596334) **11.40** Prisoner Cell Block H (518131) **12.35am** The Beautiful End of This World (478700) **2.25** The New Music (2605864) **3.25** Coach (24105174) **3.50-5.30** Jobfinder (730736)

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Starts: ***7.00*** *The Big Breakfast* (38518) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (86518) **9.30** Ysgolion (454421) **12.00pm** Right To Reply (99082) **12.30** Slot Meithrin Ty Chwith (16247) **1.00** Trumpton (31605) **1.30** Crewshaw Paints Acrylics (15518) **2.00** Take Me Out To The Ball Game (639082) **3.40** Hamilton In The Music Festival (2946709) **4.00** Waterways (876) **4.30** Batman (860) **5.00** 5 Pump (1515976) **5.15** 5 Pump (5048605) **5.30** Fifteen To One (112) **6.00** Newyddion (184599) **6.20** Hero (400570) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (7353) **7.30** Sgorio (70686) **8.30** Newyddion (2808) **9.00** Y Byd Ar Bedwar (5976) **9.30** Cheers (29711) **10.00** I'll Fly Away (179119) **10.55** The American Football Big Match (8164518) **12.15am** Desmond's *(70754)* ***12.45*** *Home Improvement* (79025)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am The DJ Kat Show (27709) **8.00** Power Rangers (8917605) **8.45** Cartoons (8368470) **9.30** Card Sharks (47131) **10.00** Concentration (8587179) **10.25** Dynamo Duck (9321773) **10.30** Candid Camera (17402) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (62599) **12.00** The Urban Peasant (31082) **12.30pm** E Street (56247) **1.00** Falcon Crest (46402) **2.00** Sins (30402) **3.00** The Trials of Rosie O'Neill (8594179) **3.50** The DJ Kat Show (1220150) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (2222) **6.00** Gamesworld (7247) **6.30** Spellbound (8599) **7.00** E Street (1711) **7.30** M*A*S*H (1781) **8.00** Adventures of Brisco County Jr (81599) **9.00** Melrose Place (94083) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (97150) **11.00** Late Show with David Letterman (443353) **11.45** WIOU (335599) **12.45am** Barney Miller (95087) **1.15-1.45am** Night Court (12700)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.

6.00am Sunrise (5148537) **9.30** Worldwide Report (5909624) **10.10** CBS *60 Minutes* (4094773) **1.30pm** CBS News (38773) **2.30** Parliament Live (56599) **5.00** Live at Five (9797334) **6.05** Littlejohn (92320570) **9.10** *CBS 60 Minutes* (83615624) **11.30** CBS Evening News (32150) **12.30am** ABC World News Tonight (9738008) **1.10** Richard Littlejohn (7433990) **2.30** Parliament Replay (97822) ***4.30*** *CBS Evening News* (26822) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (78700)

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Showcase *(7296537)* ***10.00*** **Wuthering Heights** (1992) (52083) **12.00 The Adventures of the Wilderness Family** (1975) (44605) **2.00pm Out on a Limb** (1992) (68402) ***4.00 Savage Islands (1983)*** (2696) **6.00 Wuthering Heights** (1992): As 10am (84296) **8.00 Coupe de Ville** (1991) (14781) **10.00 Joshua Tree** (1993) (941976) **11.45 The Vagrant** (1992) (404262) **1.20am Boxing Helena** (1993) (743378) **3.00-4.55 Marat/Sade** (1966) (4765782)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm Life with Father (1947) (60044) **8.00 Will Penny** (1968) (72889) **10.00-12.00 The Wicker Man** (1973) (57082)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am The Scarlet Blade (1963) (91869) **8.00 The Magic Voyage:** Children's film (52624) **10.00 Before Winter Comes** (1969) (50605) **12.00 A Bullet for Joey** (1955) (42247) **2.00pm The Lord of the Rings** (1978) (38504763) **4.15 The Magic Voyage:** As 8am (34214150) **5.55 Guinevere** (1993) (56420063) **7.30 UK Top Ten** (3421) **8.00 Traces of Red** (1992) (14763) **10.00 Child of Rage** (1992) (289773) **11.40 Rage and Honour II — Hostile Takeover** (1992) (787150) **1.20am Into the Badlands** (1991) (8255193) **2.50 Phantom of the Paradise** (1974) (3702754) **4.20-6.00 Before Winter Comes** (1969): As 8am (507629)

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SKY SPORTS

7.00am Watersports (60353) **8.00** World Sport Special (21792) **8.30** American Sports (62421) **9.30** Aerobics Oz Style (47226) **10.00** Cricket Special (50792) **12.00** Aerobics Oz Style (31179) **12.30pm** Super Sunday: Leicester City v Manchester City (51599) **2.30** One to One (3686) **3.00** Billiards European Tour (96957) **4.00** World of Speed and Beauty *(7266)* **4.30** Windsurfing (6150) **5.00** WWF Mania (9686) **6.00** Soccer News (613624) **6.15** Sports Classics (818179) **6.30** Fishing the West (8995) **7.00** Monday Night Football: Everton v Liverpool (6986402) **11.00** Soccer News (537841) **11.15** Fishing the West (372860) **11.45** Sports Classics (541179) **12.00-2.00am** Monday Night Football (15358)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Step Aerobics (17063) **8.00** Golf (56150) **9.00** Figure Skating (15315) **10.30** Rally (35895) ***11.00*** *Superbike (26711)* ***12.00*** Wondersports (55247) **1.00pm** Live Weightlifting (89792) **3.00** Samba Football (73421) **4.30** Live Weightlifting (11599) **6.30** News *(3063)* ***7.00*** *Nascar (31957)* **8.30** Rally (3266) **9.00** Football (90773) **10.30** Boxing (78082) **11.30** Eurogolf Magazine (61686) **12.30-1.00am** Eurosport News (82483)

SKY SOAP

8.00am Loving (8018247) **8.30** Peyton Place (8017518) **9.00** As the World Turns (8218353) **10.00** Guiding Light (9432421) **11.00-12.00** Another World (9429957)

SKY TRAVEL

12.00 *Holiday: Australia (8011334)* ***12.30pm*** Railway Adventures Across Europe (3253570) **1.00** Holiday Destinations (9423773) **1.30** Travelling Europe (3252841) ***2.00*** *Leontyne (2171599)* ***2.30*** *Best of British* (5544995) **3.00** Travel Magazine (2183334) **3.30** A Taste for Travel (5516112) **4.00** Eye on Travel (5535247) **4.30** Runaway with the Rich and Famous (5524131) **5.00** Golfing America and the World (2195179) **5.30** The Adventurers (5548711) **6.00** Travel Magazine (5545624) **6.30** Holiday (5538976) **7.00** Travel Live (2175315) **7.30** Holiday Destinations (5525860) **8.00** Travelling Europe (2184063) **8.30** Leontyne (2163570) **9.00** Swiss Railway Journeys (6310745) **10.00** Best of British (8012063) **10.30** A Taste for Travel (8021711) **11.00** Runaway with the Rich and Famous (7005570) **11.30-12.00** Golfing America and the World (5080131)



Edward Woodward, *The Wicker Man* (Sky Movies Gold, 10pm)

TLC

9.00am *The Joy of Painting (8448222)* **9.30** Simply Delicious in France and Italy (7484402) **10.00** Private Lives (9904024) **10.30** Only Human (1407889) **11.30** Life is for Living (3571402) **12.00** A Change of Mind (7407353) **1.00pm** Simply Delicious (9627353) **1.30** The Joy of Painting (7494889) **2.00** Talking Heads (8575957) **2.30** The Sick Kids (1291632) **3.00** Cyril Fletcher's Television Garden (8587792) **3.30-4.00** Running Repairs (2746727)

UK GOLD

7.00am The Sullivans (9697112) **7.30** Neighbours (9816247) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (7793119) **8.30** EastEnders (2648060) **9.00** The Bill (8943452) **9.30** One by One (9862402) **10.30** Juliet Bravo (48545957) **11.35** The Sullivans (19302247) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (4543696) **12.30pm** Neighbours (7497976) **1.00** EastEnders (9629711) **1.30** The Bill (7496247) **2.00** George and Mildred (8577315) **2.30** Rings on Their Fingers (9491650) **3.00** Knots Landing (3584976) **4.00** Dynasty (3596711) **5.00** Every Second Counts (2082537) **5.35** Top of the Pops: The 1970s (3912421) **5.55** Terry and June (2356402) **6.30** EastEnders (4346501) **7.00** The Two Ronnies (2755353) **8.00** Life Without George (8597179) **8.30** *Rings on Their Fingers (8576686)* ***9.00*** *Tenko* (2751537) **10.00** The Bill (3193155) **10.30** Top of the Pops (9976334) **11.15** Who Pays the Ferryman? (7433686) **12.15am** Dr Who (8349551) **12.45** Gangsters (4562648) **1.45** Shopping at Night (9452108)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am Ratkan III (1468781) **6.15** Bobobobs (954353) **6.45** Casper (953624) ***7.15*** *Head* to Head in 3D (7611632) **7.25** Eek the Cat (4042228) **7.55** Saved by the Bell (6486024) **8.25** Super Mario Brothers (7676841) **8.40** *Tilou (8498711)* **8.50** Coccinel (8494995) **9.00** Its Dreibee Time (95266) **10.00** Portland Bill (93570) **11.00** Nitty Cats (26112) **11.30** Barney and Friends (27841) **12.00** Ratkan III (75537) **12.30pm** Head to Head in 3D (39604624) **12.40** Eek the Cat (1866889) **1.10** Saved by the Bell (70651179) **1.40** Super Mario Brothers (51355976) **1.50** Tilou (51344860) **2.00** Babar (3353) **2.30** Blinky *Bill (5686)* **3.00** Tic Tac Toons (2274179) **3.15** Bobbys World (574266) **3.45** The Bots Master (573537) **4.15** Head to Head in 3D (2825044) **4.30-5.00** Halfway Across the *Galaxy and Turn Left (8150)*

NICKELODEON

7.00am Nickalive! (8576711) **7.15** Grimmy *(392599)* ***7.45*** *Rugrats* (384570) **8.15** Ren and Stimpy (9310995) **8.30** The Real Ghostbusters (2372711) **8.45** Nickalive! (2377266) **9.00** Nick Jr (495063) **12.00** Playhouse (22421) **12.30pm** Rugrats (48686) **1.00** Doug (47583) **1.30** Chipmunks (48957) **2.00** Denver (7841) **2.30** Smoggies (1228) **3.00** Nick Fevest (6976) **3.30** Killer Tomatoes (8773) **4.00** Turtles Gold (5808) **4.30** Rugrats (4792) **5.00** Clarissa (1421) **5.30** Doug (5044) **6.00** Grimmy (2957) **6.30** Are You Afraid of the Dark? (8704)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm From Monkeys to Apes (7596024) **4.30** Wild Sanctuaries (1196088) **5.00** A Traveller's Guide to the Orient (8599537) **5.30** The New Explorers (3196268) **6.00** Beyond 2000 (7403537) **7.00** Lifeboat (8579773) **7.30** The Secrets of Treasure Islands (5876437) **8.00** Wildside (2739315) **9.00** Endangered World (2759179) **10.00** In the Footsteps of Scott (2752266) **11.00** Secret Weapons (3595082) **11.30-12.00** Spirit of Survival (3504088)

BRAVO

12.00 FILM. Passage Home (1955): The crew of a merchant ship rebel against their *tyrannical captain (5409614)* ***2.00pm*** *The* Avengers (4954529) **3.00** My Three Sons (8581518) **3.30** The Beverly Hillbillies (2641173) **4.00** FILM: Futureworld (1976) (8585334) **6.00** The Protectors (6241137) **6.30** Cannon (3196353) **7.30** The Invisible Man (6346781) **8.00** The Avengers (2726841) **9.00** The Twilight Zone (3587063) **9.30-12.00** FILM. Modesty Blaise (1966) *(1428808)*

UK LIVING

6.00am Agony Hour (1986247) **7.00** Living *Magazine (8998452)* ***8.00*** *OK2 Talk Feelings* (4509981) **8.15** Everyday Yoga (3414632) **8.30** Great Expectations (3223773) **9.00** Masterchef (1778570) **9.35** Definition (3753353) **10.00** Trivia Trap (2535518) **10.30** Susan Powter (3243537) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (1913421) **12.00** The Look (1479266) **12.35pm** Kilroy (1656063) **1.30** On the House (6728686) **2.00** Agony Hour (2536247) **3.00** Living Magazine (3278792) **3.45** Gladrags and Glamour (24789570) **4.00** Infatuation UK (2432402) **4.30** Definition (49083773) **4.55** Ken Hom (5771570) ***5.30*** *Kate and Allie (2452266)* **6.00** Material World (2459179) **6.30** The New Mr and Mrs Show (2433131) **7.00** Living Magazine (1425976) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (1434624) **9.00** FILM: Split Image (1982): Brian Dennehy hires James Wood to help his brainwashed son (84363131) **11.15** Gladrags and Glamour (6147624) **11.30-12.00** Susan Powter (2524402)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm The Adventures of Tintin (4605) **5.30** Motormouth (44686) **6.30** Through the Keyhole (5745) **7.00** Trivial Pursuit (4841) **7.30** Evening Shade (6179) **8.00** Road to Avonlea (74247) **9.00** Moonlighting (87711) **10.00** Catchphrase (76266) **10.30** GP (52686) **11.00** Lou Grant (34529) **12.00** Rhoda (42377) **12.30am** Big Brother Jake (43777) **1.00** Tin Tin (59377) **1.30** Trivial Pursuit (93209) **2.00** Moonlighting (40803) **3.00** Lou Grant (64532) **4.00** Rhoda (18687) **4.30-5.00** Evening Shade (67343)

MTV

5.00pm Wildside (81358) **6.30** The Grind (75686) **7.00** European Music Awards Spotlight (27537) **7.30** Wildside (84024) **8.00** VJ Ingo (715179) **10.30** Awards Spotlight (53315) **11.00** Soul (15792) **12.00** Greatest Hits (69217) **1.00pm** Afternoon Mix (70131) **3.00** Awards Spotlight (1518) **3.30** The Report (3742191) **3.45** Cinematic (8792696) ***4.00*** *News (2844179)* ***4.15*** *3 from 1* (2827402) **4.30** Dial (7808) **5.00** Hit List UK (58860) **7.00** Greatest Hits (67957) **8.00** European Music Awards Nominations Special (76605) **9.00** Real World 3 (48334) **9.30** Beavis and Butt-Head (51266) **10.00** The Report (190686) **10.15** Cinematic (188841) **10.30** News (955063) **10.45** 3 from 1 (850518) **11.00** The End? (28995) **1.00am** Soul (79280) **2.00** The Grind (96445) **2.30** Night Videos (520193)

VH-1

7.00am Crawling from the Wreckage (9422044) **9.00** Café (1268179) **12.00** The Bridge (6920995) **1.30pm** Ten of the Best (3533976) **2.30** Heart and Soul (8331315) **3.30** Into the Music (8767247) **6.00** Prime Cuts (3270247) ***7.00*** *For You (4215911)* ***8.00*** Album Chart (4942105) **10.00** The Bridge (9298599) **11.30** VH-1 to 1 (5099863) **12.00** The Nightfly (2389532) **2.00am** Prime Cuts (3919174) **3.00** Album Chart (3348754) **5.00** Dawn Patrol

TV ASIA

6.00am Persian Dawn (35044) **7.00** Asian Morning (71599) **8.30** Buniyaad (68247) **9.00** Pakistani FILM (662119) **12.00** Gher (64570) **1.00pm** Pakistani Drama (7179) **2.00** Hindi FILM (80808) **4.00** Kiddie Time (6792) **4.30** TVA and You (90228) **5.30-6.00** Buniyaad (3228) **7.00** Pakistani Drama (47179) **8.00** News (7605) **8.30** India Business Report (6112) **9.00** Hindi FILM (791624) **12.00** Asian Morning (391667) **1.35am** Sight and Sound (81274754)

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT

Continuous cartoons from 5am to 7pm, then TNT films as below.
Theme: European Directors in Hollywood
7.00pm Humoresque (1946). Directed by Jean Negulesco (16299421) **9.20 Green Fire** (1954): Directed by Andrew Marton (99126402) **11.10 The Lady with Red Hair** (1940) Directed by Curtis Bernhardt (15452063) **12.40am The Woman in Red** (1935): Directed by Robert Florey (30889990) **2.00-3.30 Of Human Bondage** (1935): Directed by Edmund Goulding *(87959718)*

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RAF will get Lockheed's new Hercules

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

LOCKHEED, the American aircraft builder, is poised to win a £1 billion British order for Hercules military transport planes despite a last-minute offer by British Aerospace to take over management of the existing RAF fleet and guarantee availability while it develops a new European heavy transport.

The Government has, however, reversed its previous preferred policy by agreeing a joint study with France to build a future large aircraft (FLA). Development of the plane, larger and faster than the Hercules, is more vital to the future of BAe than might appear. It would maintain its lead in wing design, the basis of its role in the Airbus civil aircraft consortium.

A special inter-departmental committee set up by the Cabinet is to recommend the purchase of 30 new model Hercules to replace the oldest planes in the RAF fleet, together with an offer of launch aid to help BAe develop the FLA. Despite strong opposition within the Ministry of Defence, the committee, which includes civil servants from the DTI and the Foreign Office, has concluded that Britain should back the pan-European plane to replace the RAF's 30 remaining Hercules early in the next century.

The committee will suggest that BAe should also offer the plane in maritime reconnaissance and perhaps tanker versions, to ensure the UK buys enough planes to be a significant partner in the European programme. The mix would also offer the RAF efficiency savings.

Development of the FLA would help standardise British and French transport fleets, reinforcing the effectiveness of the new Franco-British Euro Air Group announced by ministers meeting in Chartres, France, on Friday.

Defence officials and the Treasury appear to have been convinced that the fate of Britain's aerospace industry and European collaboration are too important to to buy only Lockheed planes. The committee recommendation would strengthen the role of BAe within a rapidly integrating European aerospace industry. It would protect perhaps 3,000 jobs, and guarantee a role for Rolls-Royce in the development of a new turboprop engine.

Under its last-minute proposal, BAe would assume the risk and costs of keeping the existing Hercules planes in the air until FLA is available around the year 2002. Marshalls of Cambridge has been studying the cost of refurbishing the aircraft, which have suffered corrosion of hydraulic systems and landing gear.

However, industry sources are now confident that the RAF will become the launch customer for the latest version of the Hercules, the Lockheed C130J, but only to meet half of the RAF requirement.

A Lockheed spokesman dismissed both the BAe maintenance offer and the refurbishment option as "high risk". He said: "Every international operator who has looked at refurbishment has rejected it."

To ensure that Britain needs enough aircraft to be a credible partner in the FLA programme, the Ministry of Defence is expected to ask BAe to propose modified versions of FLA to meet Britain's need for maritime patrol aircraft, to replace the Nimrod, and air-to-air tankers.

The latest feasibility study for the FLA will detail a fast, four-engined turboprop aircraft capable of lifting very heavy weapons. BAe may seek to delay a Cabinet decision until that study is available in the new year. But it will be delighted by backing for the European plane.

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Energy tax move could create jobs

BY GRAHAM SEARJEANT, FINANCIAL EDITOR

SWITCHING the burden of taxation from employment to energy could provide 500,000 jobs over the next decade, the Employment Policy Institute says in a pre-Budget challenge to Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor.

In the *Economic Report*, Terry Barker, of Cambridge Econometrics, counters fears that higher taxes on petrol, or the carbon/energy tax, could damage the economy. Instead, he calculates that the proceeds should be used to cut, and eventually abolish, employers' graduated national insurance contributions, which on average add 7.5 per cent to wage costs.

If this were done, industry would use more labour and consumption would switch to labour-intensive industries, such as construction, healthcare and personal services. The model predicts an extra 500,000 jobs would be created by 2005, half full-time, and unemployment would be 300,000 lower than on exisiting policies.

The report envisages increasing petrol duties by a 10 per cent a year, after the Chancellor's short-term existing programme to raise petrol tax to cut the Budget deficit. An alternative would be to introduce a more general carbon/energy tax rising to the equivalent of $20 per barrel of oil by 2005. The petrol duty option would allow greater job-creation incentives and would not raise inflation as a carbon-energy tax would.

☐ KPMG Peat Marwick, the accountant, calls for the Chancellor to eliminate higher-rate income tax charges on unincorporated businesses, provided they plough back the profits. The present system, KPMG says, discriminates against small firms and encourages incorporation when it is unsuitable.



PETER LOMAS

Britain's colliery bands may face a silent future because of the privatisation of British Coal

Band tradition under threat

BY COLIN CAMPBELL

BRASS band competitions have featured on miners' calenders for the past 32 years. But the trombones that attracted thousands to Blackpool's Winter Gardens at the weekend may have sounded more plaintive than usual. Privatisation of British Coal may, in the absence of fresh sponsorship, have made this year's event the last.

Vernon Jones, chief executive of the Coal Industry Social Welfare Organisation, said more than 60 bands from all over Britain competed in the weekend competition which, for the 13th year running, was won by the Grimethorpe band. Events also included first aid, art, indoor bowls competitions and British Coal's Question of Safety final.

Changes to the structure of British Coal do not allow for funding for cultural events. In future, the event depends on finance from sponsors. Mr Jones added: "William Stone, part of Bass, the brewers, have given us tremendous support over many years, and we would hope that could continue for some time to come."

Neil Clarke, British Coal's chairman, said the annual competitions organised by British Coal had played a key role in establishing Britain's mining industry "as about the safest in the world". He said: "I am confident, that in the right hands, that record will continue for years to come."

UK industry still performs too poorly says study

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BRITISH industry's performance is still poor, in spite of recent restructuring and productivity gains, according to a searching new analysis.

The results of the study will be a damaging blow to ministers, notably Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, who have made considerable efforts to orchestrate improvements in Britain's industrial and economic competitiveness.

The study of British manufacturing, carried out by IBM, the computer manufacturer, and the London Business School, shows that on most counts, manufacturers are performing as badly, if not worse, than in a study a year ago.

The first IBM/LBS study, called *Made in Britain*, caused a political stir by claiming that only 2 per cent of British companies could be categorised as "world-class" performers in terms of international competition. A fifth of all companies were classed as "makeweights", requiring radical change to stand any chance of succeeding.

The findings of the first study were highly influential in Whitehall, and were used by the Department of Trade and Industry as evidence to press home the need for a new government initiative, leading to the recent White Paper on competitiveness.

Made in Europe, the new IBM/LBS study published today, shows that there has been no improvement in Britain's industrial performance in spite of the Government's drive. IBM and LBS leaders last week presented details of the study to the DTI and the CBI in private briefings.

Extending the scope of the first work by detailed site visits to more than half as many companies again, the study finds that the UK still has considerably more companies lagging behind standards of practice and performance than companies in other countries examined for the first time in this report, including Germany, The Netherlands and Finland.

A raft of companies examined for the first time is included, but the proportion of world-class firms in Britain has marginally increased, from 2 to 2.3 per cent, and those judged as potentially promising is up too from 16 to 17.7 per cent. The number of makeweight companies has risen from 21 to 22.6 per cent, and the companies described as contenders, judged as having the potential to compete internationally, has fallen from 42 to 40.3 per cent.

While these results, some based on the same company findings, suggest a broadly unchanged position, they do indicate that the Government's highly publicised attempt to improve competitiveness in Britain has so far had little effect.

In contrast, 2.9 per cent of companies in Germany are judged to be world-class, while the number of world-class contender companies is as high as 53.3 per cent.

In all the countries studied, foreign-owned companies — especially Japanese — out-performed domestic firms. But even the high proportion of Europe's Japanese-owned companies that are based in Britain is not enough to lift the UK's "below average" competitive performance — though they suggest that without the impact of Japanese-owned firms, Britain's industrial rating might be even worse.

Significantly, the study says product reliability in Germany is below average, contrary to its image as a high-quality manufacturer, whereas the UK scored relatively well on reliability, supplier relationships and business process management.

INDUSTRY might save between 10 and 20 per cent of its bought-in costs if companies used a global sourcing strategy, according to a survey of 800 companies by AT Kearney, the management consultant, for the Global Sourcing, a conference and exhibition to be launched in a week's time. Nearly all the respondents to the survey said that looking wider afield for reliable suppliers would save money, and two-thirds put savings at 10 per cent or more.

British Gas chief to receive 76% pay increase


Giordano: initiated package

BY CARL MORTISHEAD

DIRECTORS of British Gas are to receive big salary rises under a new pay and benefits package initiated by Richard Giordano, the new chairman. The company, which last week announced price increases for some customers of 2.9 per cent, yesterday confirmed that Cedric Brown, chief executive, is to see his pay packet rise 76 per cent from £270,000 to £475,000.

The increases are part of a package put together by Mr Brown and Mr Giordano. It will scrap bonuses for executive directors, reduce rolling service contracts from three years to two and install a new share option scheme.

Mr Giordano joined British Gas in January as a part-time chairman on a salary of £450,000 but other BG directors will receive pay rises. Philip Rogerson, head of Transco, BG's pipeline business, Howard Dalton, head of exploration, Norman Blacker and Russ Herbert will have rises of between 11 and 50 per cent.

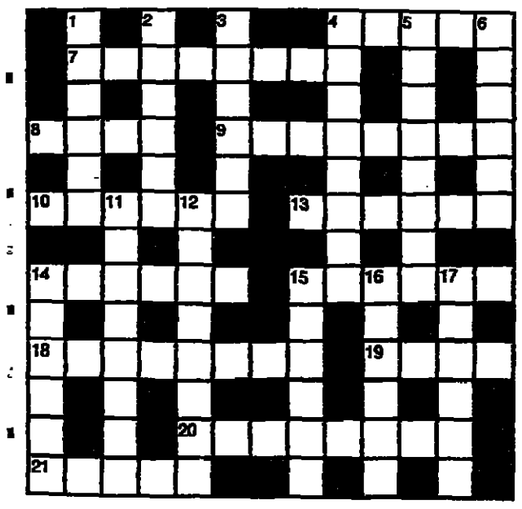
British Gas, which is shedding staff rapidly to cope with new competition, said the pay boost was designed to put it on a level with other big firms such as BP, BT, Barclays, Boots, Glaxo and Cadbury Schweppes. A spokesman said: "The total pay of the executive directors, including bonuses, was well below the median point of similar companies." BP's 1993 accounts show that its highest-paid director received a salary of £375,000 and performance-related payments of £240,000. But its chairman was paid only £175,000.

The gas company's plans to reduce the length of service contracts from three to two years may still fail to meet the standards of some of its shareholders. In a recent vote, 81 per cent of the members of the National Association of Pension Funds called for rolling service contracts to be limited to 12 months. Postel, Britain's largest pension fund, prefers a 12-month limit but has so far indicated it will not vote against two-year rolling contracts.

British Gas's directors are losing bonuses but gaining a new share option scheme which is to be linked to the performance of British Gas compared with the FT-SE 100 top UK companies. A spokesman said that under previous rules the chief executive could receive bonues of 25 per cent to 37 per cent of salary. The company plans greater disclosure of pay and benefits in the annual report. Unions representing British Gas workers reacted angrily to news of the pay rises at the top. GMB, which has about 40,000 members employed at BG, was not impressed by the changed pay structure for directors. "While we welcome increased disclosure and a reduction in rolling contracts, a two-year notice period is hardly a progressive move," said Donald Macgregor, national secretary for gas workers.

Unison, which represents 30,000 gas workers, said the rises came as British Gas was shedding 25,000 jobs and restricting Unison members to less than a 3 per cent pay rise. "That a part-time chairman should receive more than £400,000 is absolutely obscene," said Dave Stirzaker, the union's chief negotiator with British Gas.

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TIMES TWO CROSSWORD

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ACROSS
4 German composer; German economist/sociologist (5)
7 Friendly (8)
8 Throw; actors in play (4)
9 Ruin (8)
10 Double-size champagne bottle (6)
13 Mellow, rich; unctuous (6)
14 Made in imitation (6)
15 Spanish currency (6)
18 Ship's provisioner (8)
19 Go along on wheels (4)
20 Magical charm (8)
21 Intrinsically (3,2)

DOWN
1 Capital of Cuba (6)
2 Glove with undivided fingers (6)
3 Haphazard (6)
4 Hired suckler (3,5)
5 Walk out to study plants (8)
6 Second match (in cup-tie) (6)
11 Fine cobweb; gauze (8)
12 Current (2,2,4)
14 Lodge in rents (6)
15 *Merchant of Venice* heroine (6)
16 Crustacean; little person (6)
17 Special aptitude (6)

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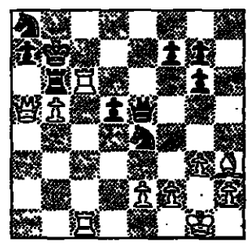
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Hjartarson - Van der Wiel, Holland v Iceland 1984. Although White is winning easily, it is always good to finish off the game as quickly as possible. Here White achieved this with a neat combination. What did he play?



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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

GRILLE
a. Helmet in US football
b. To debrief
c. A winning opening

HALIDE
a. A malicious Classical spirit
b. Halogen compound
c. Bacterium producing bad breath

KAMEEL
a. To trap eels
b. The giraffe
c. To windsurf across the wind

KETTLE HOLE
a. A way of brewing up
b. A dene hole
c. Depression

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